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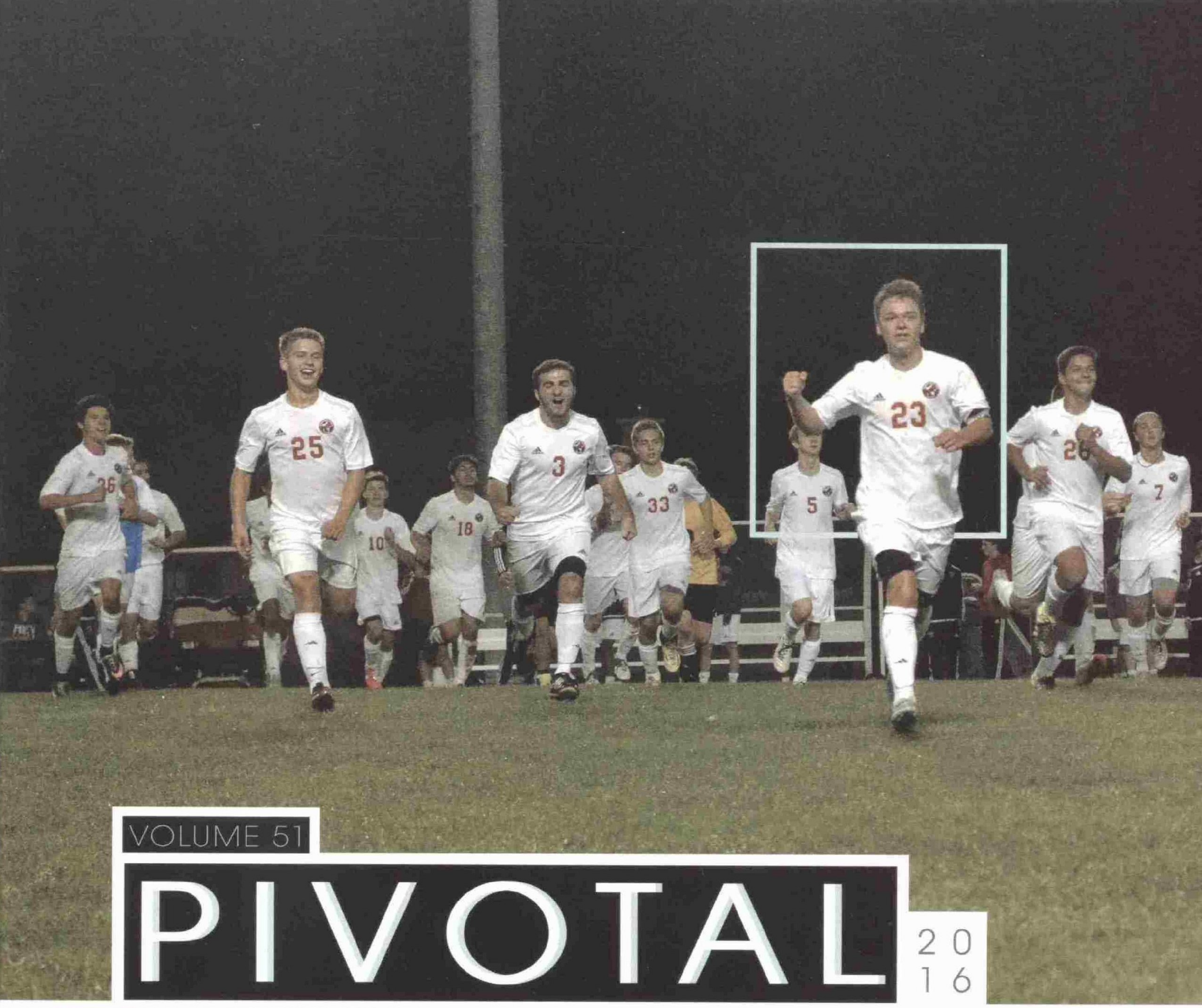
SPREAD YOUR WINGS Butterfly in hand, Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher, allows Aarju Patel, senior, to meet the butterfly Aarju raised in AP Environmental Science. During AP Environmental Science classes, butterflies flew around the room as students took notes. "It was beautiful to observe the existence of such beautiful creatures from start to finish," Aarju said. "When they flew around the room, they seemed so happy to be alive."



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THE TURNING POINT After pulling out a win against Chesterton, Austin Andello, senior, runs alongside teammates Thomas Beckman, junior, Yiorgo Karnezis, senior, and Nathan Karnezis, freshman. The boys were not favored to win against the Region's number one team, but the game ended with a 3-2 victory. "Even though we weren't favored, our intensity pushed us," Andello said. "After that game, I knew our team was really coming together."

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ONE MOMENT

WITH A FINANCIAL CRISIS AND MULTIPLE POLICY CHANGES, SUCCESS EVOLVED FROM A GIVEN CHARACTERISTIC TO A CHOICE DECIDED BY EACH MOMENT

For the first time in our school history, we found ourselves involved in a continued, massive financial crisis. And while there were many big numbers and swirling gossip, we were lost and confused. Because in a series of pivotal moments, we lost everything.

In one moment, we had a choice to rise or fall. In one moment, we chose not to grieve, but to do what we know best–which is being the best.

To some, that was becoming a National Merit Scholar or turning an essay in to turnitin.com before the deadline. To others, it was molding their first pot in Ceramics or being crowned Prom King and Queen.

Even as we continued to achieve, a dark, burdening cloud hung over our heads in the shape of the teachers lost, torn and overused textbooks and uncleaned floors, which is why how we chose to act was pivotal in determining who we were.

Teachers gave students extra help during MRT, students utilized their One Note notebooks on their laptops and National Honors Society cleaned classrooms after school each Friday because we chose to succeed.

Together, each individual success and failure has led up to one moment.

Our moment–and it was

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1. LEARNING THE ROPES Gazing at a soil sample, Ms. Shonna Siegers, science teacher, helps Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior, understand the nutrient transfer in different soil types. The labratory explained the effects of pollution on soil. "It was really beneficial to gain true insight on how necessary it is to protect the environment," Nick said. "Ms. Siegers really put her heart into spreading environmental awareness."

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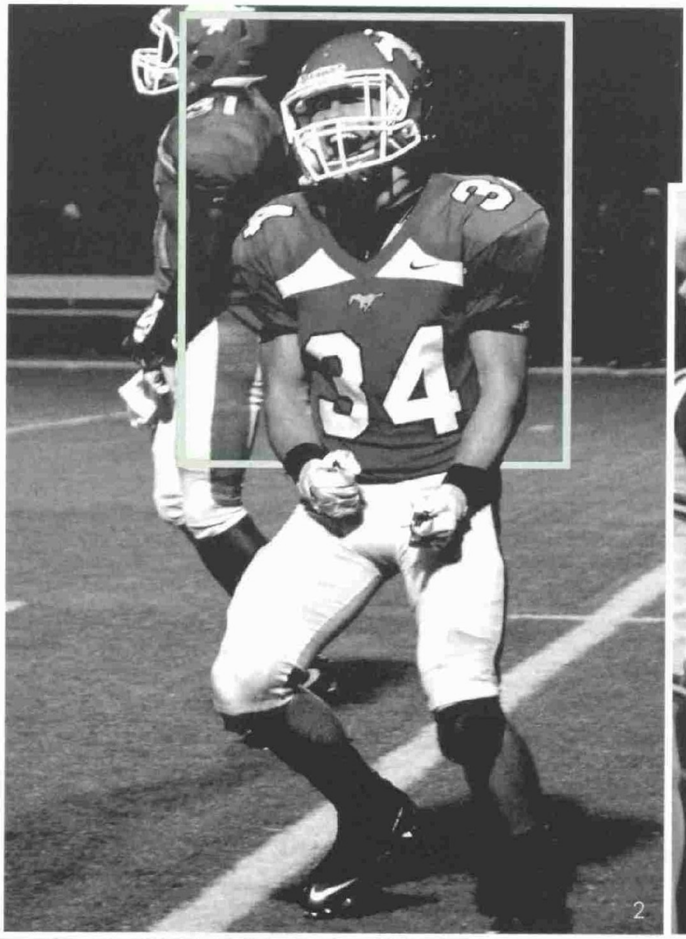
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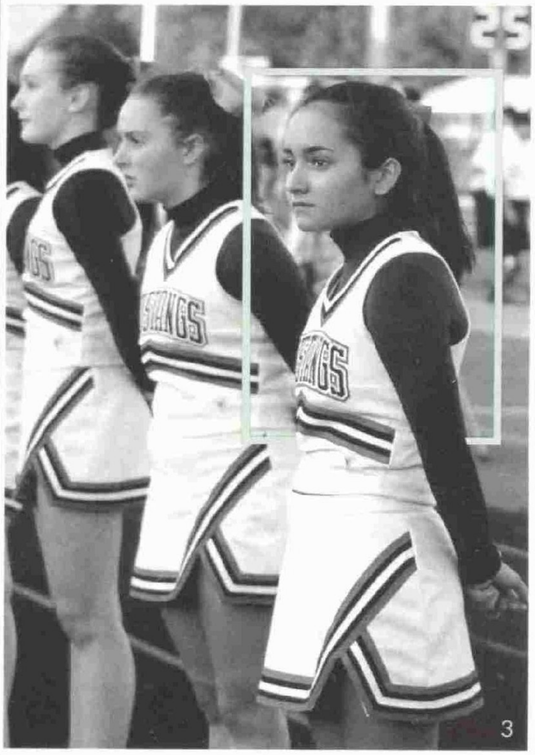
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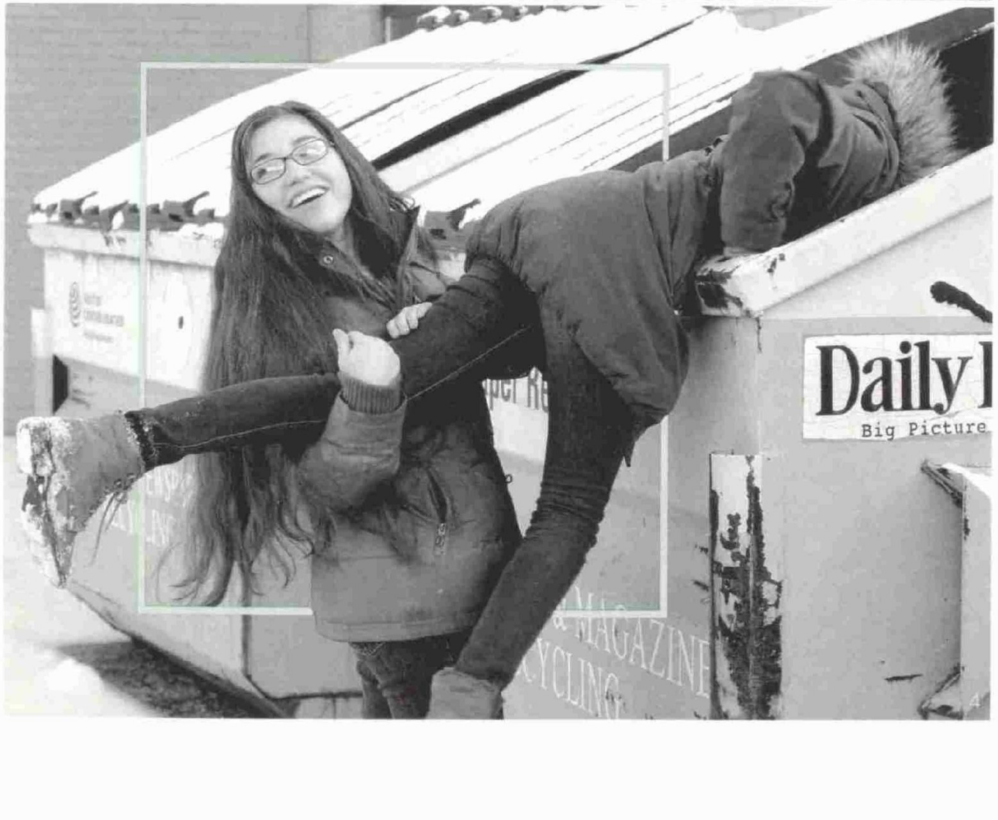

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2. SCREAM 'N SHOUT After scoring a point at the Homecoming football game, Danny Stanley, junior, celebrates. The football team ultimately won the game. "It feels like a shot of adrenaline," Danny said. "After a win, the only feeling is pure happiness because you know the work you put in during the week paid off."

3. BUNDLE OF NERVES Looking out at the crowd during the National Anthem, freshmen Nicole Tsoukalas, Isabelle Landeck and Vanessa Koultourides prepare to cheer at the football game versus Lake Central. It was Vanessa's first time cheering on the Varsity team. "It was really fun because everyone came out to support," Vanessa said. "It made it more intense."

4. HELPING HAND Helping recycle the school's paper with Project X, seniors Alexia Calderon and Ruhani Sansoya help each other out. Alexia lifted Ruhani up to help her recover a dropped recycling bin. "It made me feel like I actually gave back to the community," Alexia said. "It felt great.""

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SPARE CHANGE

Administration tries to quell debt while students and teachers learn to cope

One seems small, that is, until it is placed before million.

Just last year, Munster High School was nearly $8 million dollars in debt. However, this year it has shrunk nearly one million dollars to $6,998,874.78. And suddenly, the numner one seemed to be much, much larger.

"(This is) an improvement over the prior year's balance," Mrs. Janice Swanson, Director of Financial Relations for the School Town of Munster, said.

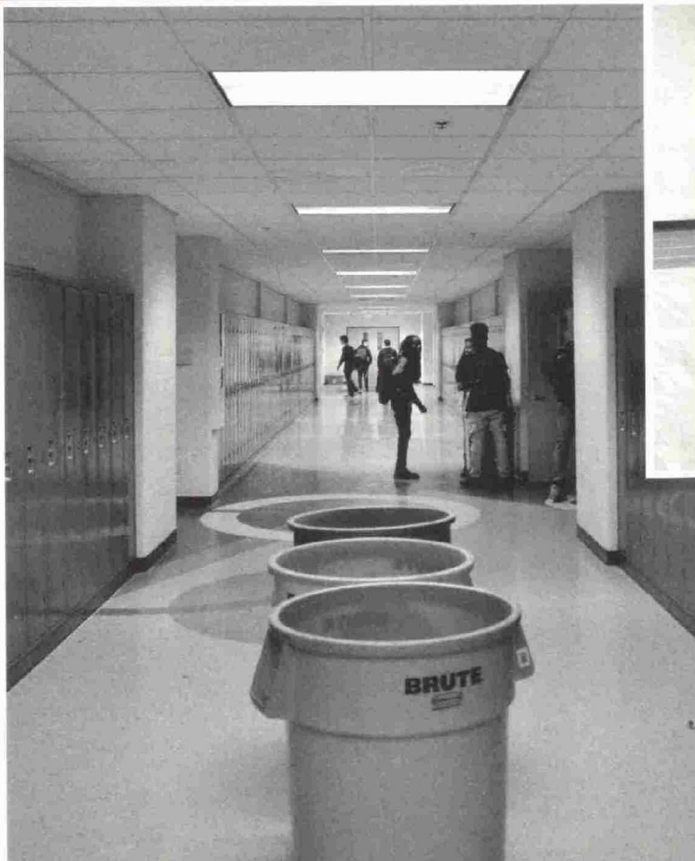
With crippling debt, action was necessary. Five teachers and two administrators received a non-renewal notice, which eliminated their positions following the 2014-2015 school year, according to Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas, Assistant Superintendent.

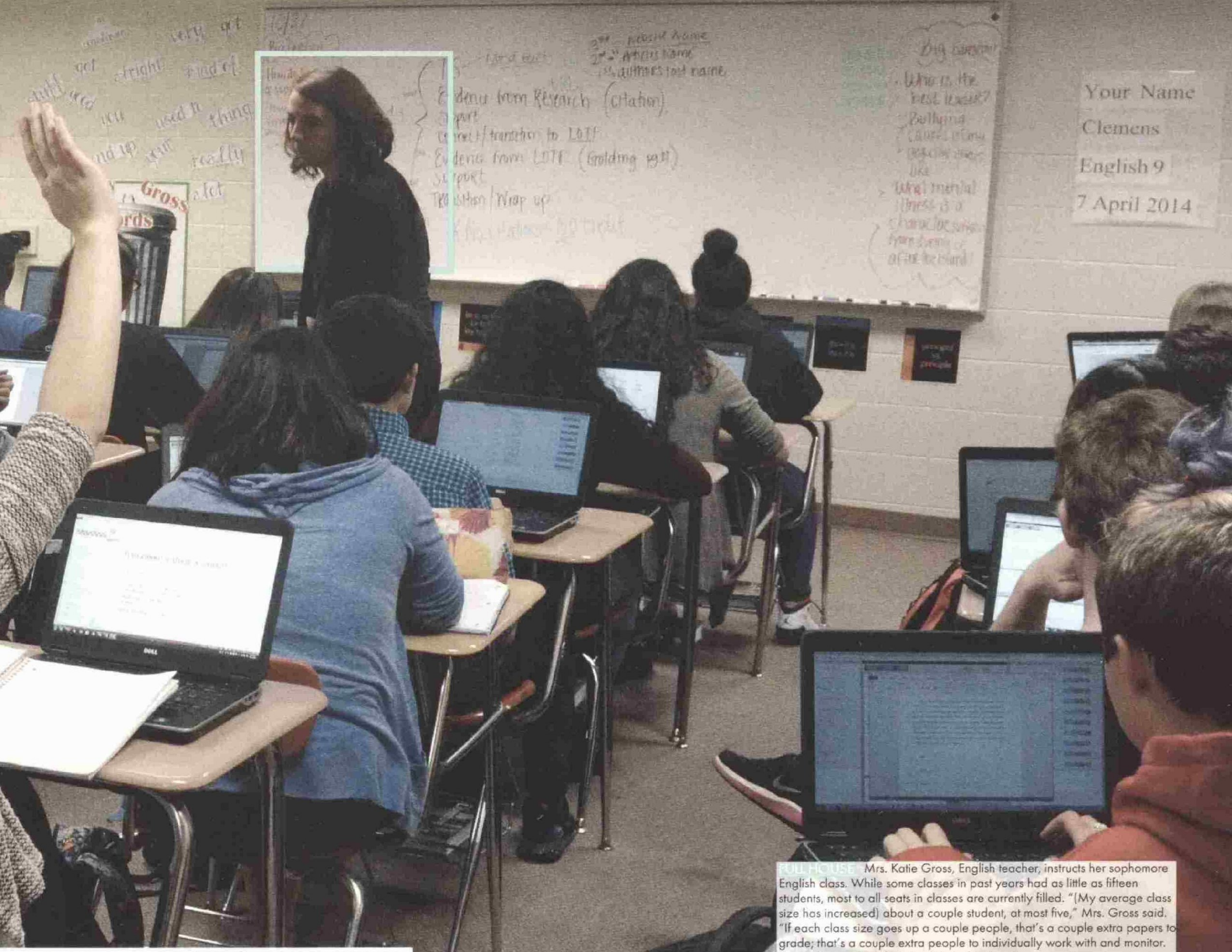
With less teachers and a nearly equal amount of students, there was, according to Mr. Mike Wells, significant increase in class size with some classes with at least 30 students.

"It's harder to ask questions because there's more people, so you feel less comfortable doing that," Emily Wierman, senior said. "The whole classroom atmosphere is different."

District goals include generating donations and other sources of revenue in order to bring the district closer to a positive balance, according to the School Town of Munster. If these yield positives results, changes made due to the financial crisis may be reverted.

"(Our current financial goal is) to continue monitoring our expenditures and revenue in an effort to eliminate our negative cash balance. This will be our ongoing goal until this is accomplished," Mrs. Swanson said.

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FULL HOUSE Mrs. Katie Gross, English teacher, instructs her sophomore English class. While some classes in past years had as little as fifteen students, most to all seats in classes are currently filled. "(My average class size has increased) about a couple student, at most five," Mrs. Gross said. "If each class size goes up a couple people, that's a couple extra papers to grade; that's a couple extra people to individually work with and monitor. A couple people definitely adds to the class."

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1. CHANGE OF PACE Mixing severe weather and a tight budget leads to unconventional fixes. In one South hallway, janitors had to place trash cans under a leaking ceiling in order to quell the water flow. "(Faculty) now has to adapt to changes and work through them," Mr. Morgan Nolan, assistant principle, said.

2. DOUBLE DUTY Not only were teachers cut but also janitorial staff. With less staff, cleaning up after school and events was undertaken by much less people. "There will be no more changes," Mr. Morgan Nolan, assistant principle, said.

ONE MILLION DOWN

The General Fund saw a decrease in debt

2014-15

$7,914,729.77

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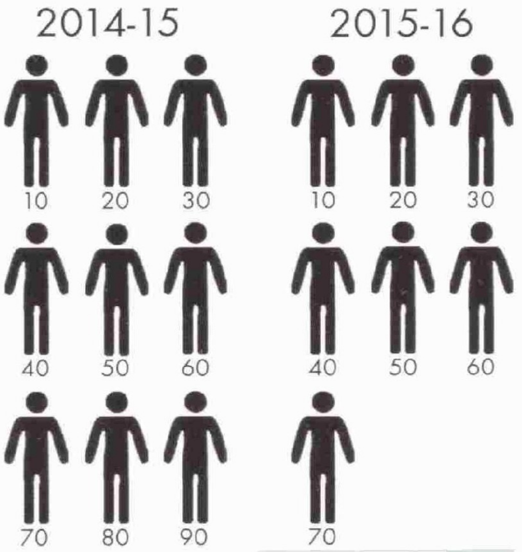
$6,998,874.78

GOING, GOING... GONE?

Due to layoffs, retirement and personal reasons, twenty faculty members were cut from staff



MRT IN THE MAKING

Students and teachers shared their thoughts on MRT

"I wish it was longer. I find the class to be like over before it ever starts, so I just kind of sit there."

Chyan Rangel, freshman

"I'm not really a big fan of it. I don't get a lot of work done, especially because a lot of teachers let you goof off and talk the whole time."

Nicole Choros, freshman

"I find it to be a really useful time to relax from the daily stresses of life and schoolwork, and it gives students the ability to study prior to tests."

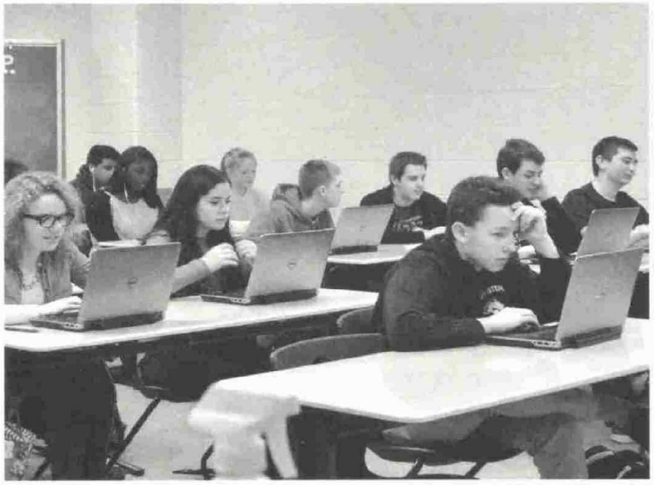
Dylan Harish, junior

"It lets me get more sleep at night knowing I have a study hall and an extra twenty minutes to finish homework."

Merrick Lieser, sophomore

"I think on one hand it is a good chance for students to get their work done, but on the other hand, students have a tendency to see it as a free-for-all and talk."

Ms. Lemon, English teacher



MRT IN MOTION While in science teacher Mrs. Ebert's MRT class, freshmen Frank Wolf, Gretchen Wineinger, Emily Schoffman, Matt Tripenfeldas, Chas Varkalis, Zach Schmidt and James Sroge open up their laptops to take a survey. Surveys were one of the many activities that administration could have students do in MRT, according to Mr. Mike Wells, principal.

A CHANGE OF PACE

With new changes implemented at the beginning of the year, students and teachers had to adjust to the differences

Walking in school for the first time in August, students were met at the door with a number of unexpected changes. Not only had they set their alarms 10 minutes earlier to meet the new starting time, but they also found themselves running over cones in the re-designed parking lot, walking past empty classrooms and spending an extra twenty minutes a day in the new "Mustang Resource Time" period.

"We shortened class periods, added twenty minutes to the day and an eighth period to allow students to take on more classes," Mr. Morgan Nolan, assistant principal, said.

By adding twenty minutes to the day, the district allowed high-performing schools to take off school days for professional development days, improving the quality of staff and technology, according to Mr. Mike Wells, principal.

"With the extra time in the day, we wanted to be able to create a 20-minute period where students could get one-on-one with their teachers or finish some extra work," Mr. Wells said. "But in the future, we hope to further develop MRT into more of an SAT preparation class, using a new Khan Academy system. There are a lot of different things we are considering for it."

With all the new changes in scheduling and classes, students were not the only ones who had to adjust.

"The school size only went down about ten students, but we lost several teaching and staff jobs," Mr. Nolan said. "As a result class sizes increased and many of our jobs in administration were taking on more roles and responsibilities around the school."

The goals set at the beginning of the year were to adjust to all the new changes efficiently, rather than change them again, according to Mr. Wells.

"Every job and school has been bound by issues, but our mission is simply just to provide the best education we can possible," Mr. Nolan said. "These changes were issued for the sake of doing so."

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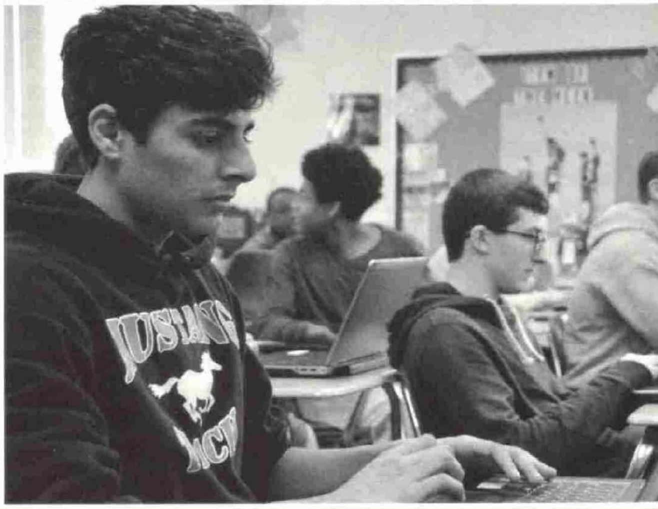

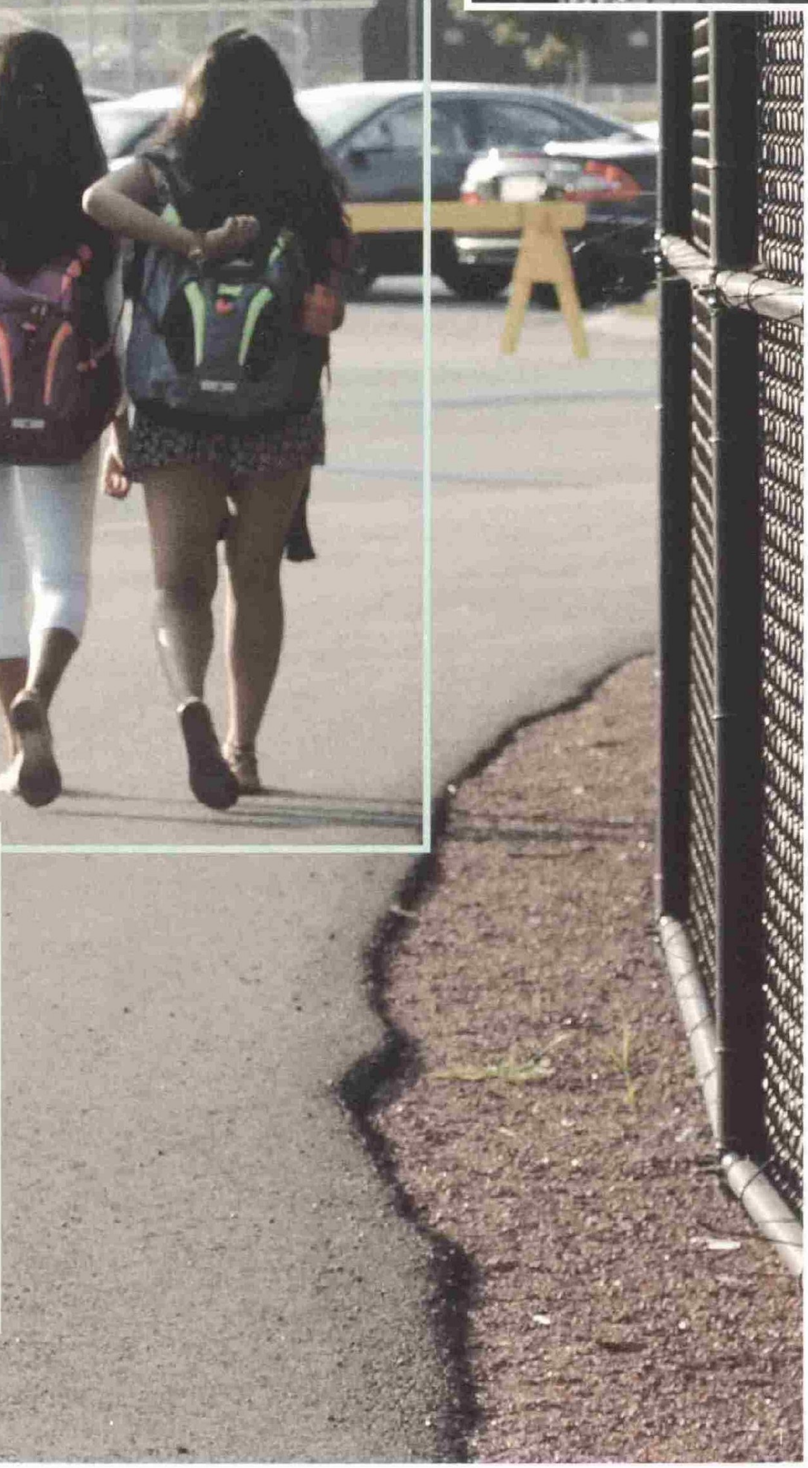

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1. A MORNING STROLL Walking in from the end of the North parking lot, Sara Shah, senior, and Ria Shah, sophomore, make their way to class in the morning. Students found that with earlier starting times and a re-strctured parking lot, they had to leave for school much earlier than years before. "I had to completely adjust my schedule so I could get to class on time," Sara said. "It took a long time to adjust to it."

2. TO BEAT THE BELL To get to English class on time, juniors Morgan Albritton and Ashley Ballard run down the hallways to make sure they make it before the bell rings. "When school first started, I found myself late sometimes because I wasn;t used to the whole new starting times," Morgan said. "It got easier as time went on."

3. A NEW SYSTEM Opening up his new laptop, Bilal Siddiqui, senior, logs on to his account. Starting off the school year, students were issued new laptops to replace the old ones they had years prior. "I thought it was cool to get new laptops," Bilal said. "We had the other ones since I was a freshman, and they were getting outdated and starting to break."

4. LOCKER LOVE Walking into school on the first day, students noticed that every locker in the school was decorated with a sticky note with a friendly saying written on it. LINK club members spent the first few days before summer break ended covering every locker around the school. "We just wanted to do something unique with the new club to welcome kids back to school," member Megan Zabrecky, senior, said.

A LOT OF TIME IN THE LOT

With a newly re-structured parking lot, students could only exit off of one road, meaning much more time was spent waiting

SOUTH LOT

3:00 → 3:12

Ruben Shehegian, senior

NORTH LOT

2:58 → 3:15

Jack Wulf, junior

NORTHWEST LOT

3:00 → 3:07

Jessica Herrera, senior

ONE MOMENT
TO REACH OUR POTENTIAL

We did not tune out at 2:55 p.m. We ran against blizzards to get to our snow-covered cars so we could make it to work on time. Whether it was pouring coffee for customers at Munster Donut, waiting tables at Schoop's until 10 p.m. or bagging groceries at Jewel, we dedicated ourselves completely.

It did not matter about the size of our paycheck, we just needed 50 cents to put extra caffeine in our coffee to work on homework until Starbucks's closing hours.

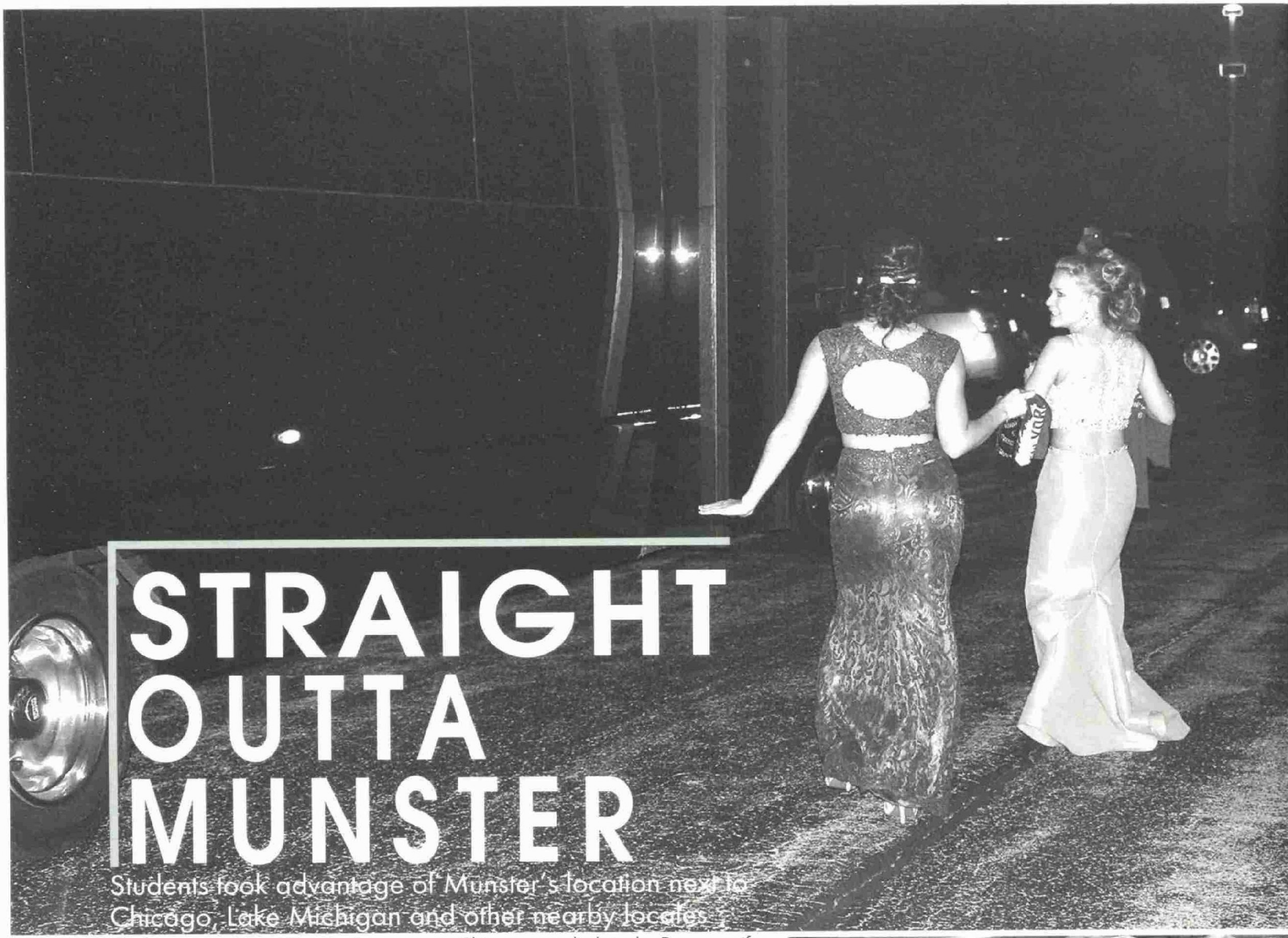
We did not let the size of our town keep us from finding big things. We took thirty minute drives to Wells Beach and 40-minute train rides to Chicago, one of the country's biggest cities, to explore our surroundings.

As we struggled to realize our own potential, we were introduced to the ten alumni who found their own maximums as they were introduced to the brand new Wall of Fame.

When we were given one moment to prove ourselves, we put our iPhones down and got to work. We thrived off three hours of sleep as we balanced work, school, and friendships. We found our potential as we stepped out of our comfort zones and prospered.

MUSE FOR MUSIC Playing his violin in the Orchestra room, Patrick Wu, junior, warms up his instrument. Patrick spent about 2 hours a day practicing throughout the year. "Playing the violin let me participate in orchestras and meet really cool people," Patrick said. "It has really shaped me and my work ethic."

TO REACH OUR POTENTIAL



STRAIGHT OUTTA MUNSTER

Students took advantage of Munster's location next to Chicago, Lake Michigan and other nearby locales

Munster– a town historically, yet stereotypically, known throughout other high schools in Northwest Indiana as "rich" and "stuck-up," has a different ring to its name upon asking some of the town's own inhabitants.

"I felt very lucky to grow up in Munster," Maddy Foreit, freshman, who has lived in the town her entire life, said. "It was a place where I could get a good education, and I could feel safe. I had a lot of friends from LC (Lake Central) who all thought Munster people were spoiled and snobby, but for the most part, with a few exceptions, everyone was nice and appreciative of the opportunities."

While some students saw the town as boring, others found the potential within the small town and took advantage of its location next to fun places.

"So many people spent time complaining about Munster and how boring it was," Jessica Tarpo, sophomore, said. "People didn't realize how great of a place you could make it. I could go to Chicago, go climb in the Dunes or, if I ever actually wanted to, I could go to like a corn field all within a half hour."

Being a town of Indiana that was located on the edge of Illinois made Munster a unique, yet somewhat difficult place to manage sports teams' support, politics and media outlets. Residents were surrounded by Chicago news sources, radio stations, sports broadcastings and elections, according to Nick Gauthier, senior.

"(Living in Munster) made things a little confusing for people, but I liked it this way a lot more" Nick said. "I was able to drive down to my favorite sports' games and support great Chicago teams; it made living here a lot more fun. A lot of times when going out of town, my friends and I all just said we were from Chicago instead."

[illegible] After Prom, juniors Tessa Bales and Hannah Zaremba head off to their party bus. The girls and their friends left and stayed at a lake house in Cedar Lake for the night. "A lot of people spent their Prom night outside of Munster," Tessa said. "Some of my friends went to beach houses by Lake Michigan or to Chicago. No one wanted to just go back home."

The Word on the Street

Transfer students heard stereotypes and rumors about Munster before coming

HIGHLAND

"Someone at Highland made up a rumor that I only came here for the pretty people. But something I actually didn't expect was the curriculum was a lot harder."

[illegible]

LAKE CENTRAL

"I heard that Munster was just a bunch of rich kids and politics, but I have worked harder and become smarter and made most of my closest friends here. "

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SCHERERVILLE

"There were actually a lot of people who were rude to me when I first came to school. My first day, I got lost, people were harsh, and I got dress-coded."

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UNITED CENTER
BULLS

1. IT'S NATURAL Putting trail mix into a bag, juniors Matt Marcus and Demetri Fotopoulos shop at Whole Foods for groceries. Whole Foods opened the previous fall in Schererville, Ind. "I spent a lot of time at Whole Foods," Demetri said. "It wasn't too far from my house, and you could shop or sit down and eat with friends."
2. [illegible] While waiting for their coffee orders, juniors Olivia Bednarowski and Lizzie Fies dine in at The Sip in Highland. Students could order coffee, read books or listen to live music at the cafe. "(The Sip) was a new place for teens around the area to hangout," Lizzie said. "I loved how cool and cozy it felt."
3. ALL ABOARD Taking off to the city of Chicago, the South Shore Line departs from Hammond. With the station being about 15 minutes from Munster, many students used the train as their transportation to Chicago.
4. GET YOUR GYM ON Walking into her gym, Caitlyn Gilbert, senior, gets ready for a workout at Franciscan Omni Health & Fitness Center in Schererville. Caitlyn and many other students had a membership to this gym. "There were a few gyms in Munster, but the distance was worth it to go to Omni," Caitlyn said. "I joined it because it was a lot bigger and had a lot more options for machines to work-out on."
5. [illegible] As the mascot Benny the Bull flies over the crowd of fans, students were able to watch the Chicago Bulls play from their seats in the United Center downtown.

IT BEGAN WITH TEN

Inaugurating the first ten notable alumni, the Alumni Hall of Fame intends to inspire and encourage students to be successful in their own individual ways

You can see it in their eyes. Ms. Shonna Seigers, science teacher, proudly shows her classroom full of AP Environmental Science students her rare rock collection. Mr. Michael Gordon, government teacher, pushes his We the People/AP Government students to reach new heights at We the People State. It's passion.

The teachers have helped shape the student body and its alumni to become incredibly successful. Most notably, the first ten alumni chosen for the Alumni Hall of Fame.

"(The Alumni Hall of Fame) made me think of what I'm going to do with what I want to do after high school," Arianna Lagunas, junior, said. "It inspired me."

Because the selected alumni have encountered such success, they were chosen by a board to be featured in the Hall of Fame. However, those who chose the alumni also took into account their mentality and outlook each had in order to send a positive message to students who are beginning the rest of their lives.

"It was a perfect way to start up the school year," Mr. Michael Wells, principal, said. "The students in the desks are our future Hall of Famers—this is only our first ten."

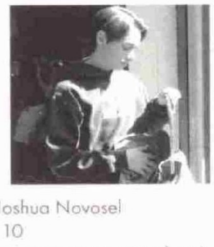
Inductees include: *Lieutenant Shaun Blue('00), U.S. Marine Corps; Colonel James Dryjanski ('88), U.S. Air Force; Dr. Nan Sutter Hayworth ('77), opthamologist and U.S. Representative; Michelle Kelchak ('82), one of the founders of Sketchers; Hall Morris ('83), director of professional scouting for the Los Angeles Angels; Dr. Blase Polite ('87), national expert in colorectal cancer; Nicole Rittenmeyer ('87), Emmy-nominated documentary filmmaker; Todd Rokita ('88), U.S. Representative; John Sullivan ('70), public policy counsel for Google, Inc.*

Students of Munster

While futures are both planned and expected, students identify their unique traits

NAME Katherine Bobb
GRADE 9

"Everyone has something unique about them, and they find ii over a matter of time. I have't found mine yet, but I think I will."



NAME Joshua Novosel
GRADE 10

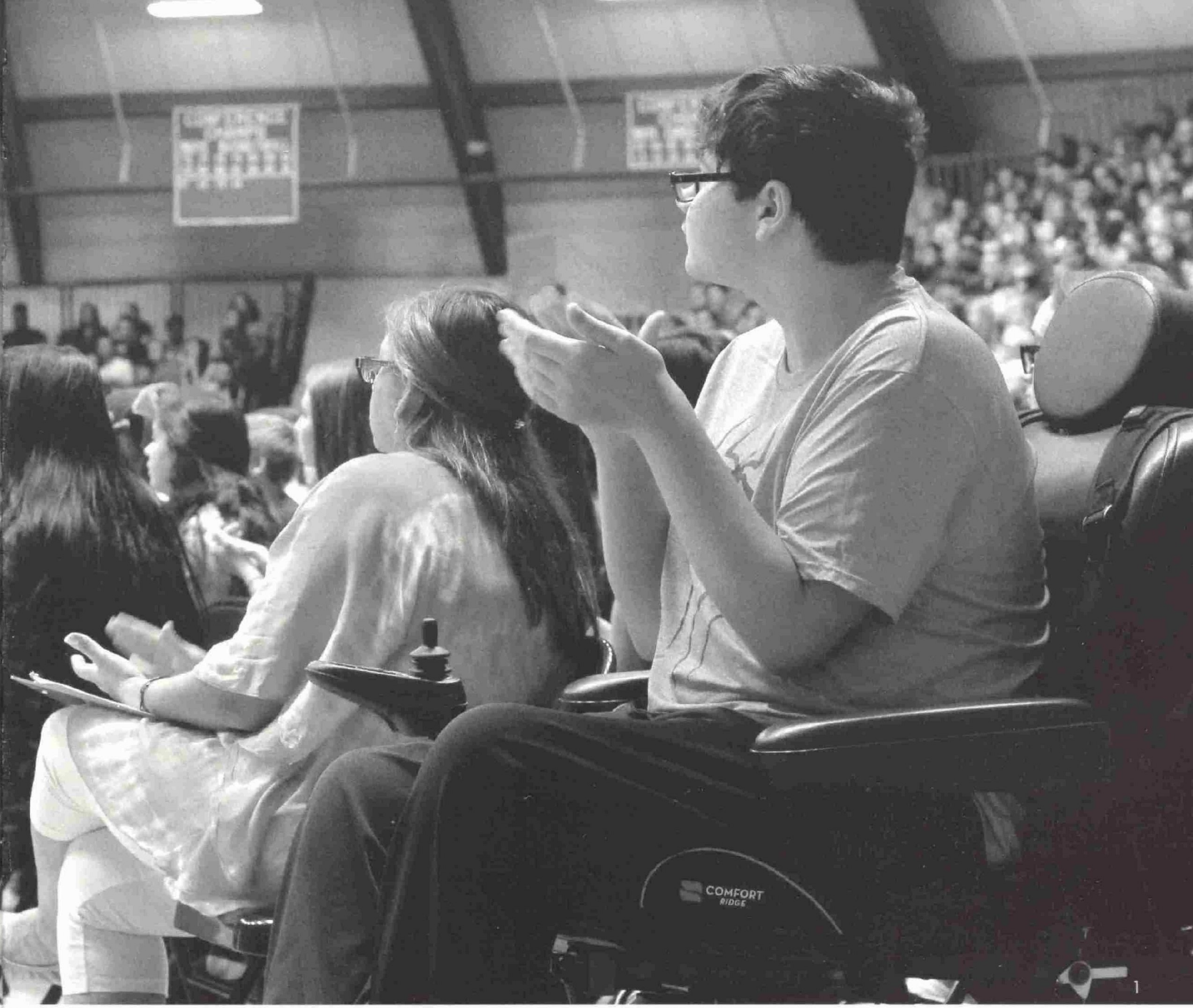
"My happiest memory was when I went to the Cubs vs. Sox game and caught a foul ball from Manny Ramirez in my mitt."

NAME Jenna Cappo
GRADE 11

"When I was a child, I wanted to be a vet, but I don't know what I want to be now. It's undecided."

NAME Michelle Weller
GRADE 12

"I'd like to go to college to become a civil engineer. When I was little, I wanted to be an astronaut, I thought it would be really cool to know about other words. Now, I guess I would rather workd on the puzzle of navigating our world—roads, traffic, hallways."



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1. INSPIRING ALL Sitting next to Mrs. Rose Malagon, Connor McLeod, sophomore, clapped at the introduction of the ten alumni. All students and faculty attended the assembly. "It really inspired me," Connor said.

2. IN THE SPIRIT Representative Todd Rokita, of Indiana's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, raises his arm in salute to his fellow Mustangs. Rep. Rokita was formerly Indiana's youngest elected Secretary of State. "Each one of you as individuals have so much to offer the world," Rep. Rokita said. "And go Mustangs!"

3. WE REMEMBER Honoring the late Lieutenant Shaun Blue, Colonel James Dryjanski speaks to Lt. Blue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Debbie Blue. Lt. Blue was an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and won a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts; Lieutenant Blue's parents accepted the award on his behalf due to his death. "Mr. and Mrs. Blue, thank you so much for raising such an incredible young man, a leader and a patriot who kept our freedoms and spread security and prosperity for our country," said Colonel James Dryjanski. "Thank you so much."

A LOT ON OUR PLATE

Whether they cooked, cleaned or served, students spent time out of school earning money while having fun

Munster Donut. Potbelly. Tomato Bar. Getting jobs were ways to gain not only money, but a sense of responsibility. Students learned the importance of balance by handling a job and making time for schoolwork and activities with friends and family.

"Working at Tomato bar, I really did enjoy it because I got along with my co-workers and they were pretty lenient towards me," Kyle Palermo, senior, said. "If I didn't have my co-workers there I would hate working so much."

While some students worked for the sole purpose of gaining a profit, many others worked for the lessons in responsibility that it taught, accoding to Jessica Herrera, senior, who worked as a cahier at Potbelly.

"I got paid minimum wage, which may not have seemed like much, but I was able to buy and do things on my own," Jessica said. "I felt more in charge paying for my own food and clothes, rather than relying on my parents for money."

Working at Munster Donut, Chris Kirinic, sophomore, spent weekend mornings and weekday afternoons picking donuts and serving coffee. However, being surrounded by donuts, Chris never ate one.

"I loved the sweet smell of Munster Donut, but I knew I should not eat sweets and that I should just sell them," Chris said. "I tried not to eat them to keep my physique nice. Not only did that help me resist temptation, it kept me from spending my money and I became responsible from that alone."

1. **DINER GIRLS** Preparing to make a milkshake, seniors Haley Collison and Kaila Crague and Priscilla Carvajal, junior, laugh together over the counter. They worked at Blue Top as waitresses. "I loved my job because I got to be with my close friends," Kaila said.

The Nifty Fifties Fashion

Working at Blue Top, a 50s-inspired restaurant, waiters wore costumes to serve

Polka dot blouse

Hot pink leggings Poodle skirt

Rollerblades **Pen & notepad**

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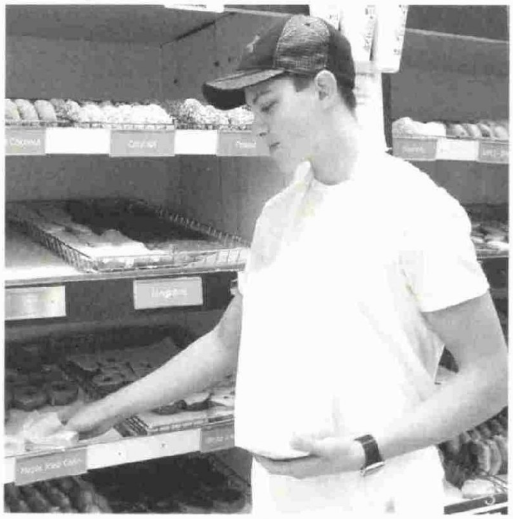
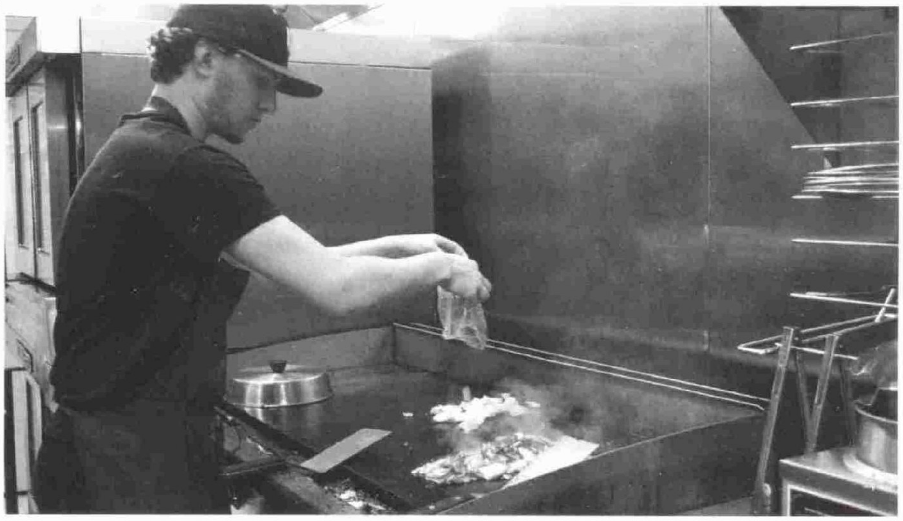




2. TAKE MONEY MAKE MONEY Working at the register, Jessica Herrera, senior, takes orders at Potbelly. She worked at the register and made sandwiches. "My job could be hard work because of the long hours, but I got the money and spent it how I wanted," Jessica said. "I felt more responsible."

3. DONUT NEED SWEETS Tending to a customer, Chris Kirincic, sophomore, picks up a Maple Cake Donut. However, he was not a fan of donuts. "Even though I did not like donuts, I got a dozen to bring home every night," Chris said.

4. COOKIN' IN THE KITCHEN Cooking in the kitchen, Kyle Palermo, senior, makes sandwiches at Tomato Bar. Cooking vegetables and making pizzas were some other things Kyle did. "It got pretty busy here especially in the evenings, but I didn't mind it because it was not too hard of a job," Kyle said.

5. WAITIN' ON THE WORLD Taking dinner orders from her customer, Alexa Olsen, senior, fills up their drink. Alexa spent working from after school to 10 p.m. "Schoop's was a lot of fun and I didn't mind making hamburgers," Alexa said.

What you workin' with?

After surveying 529 students, the majority did not have jobs.

31.8%
of students had jobs during the school year

8.3%
of students worked 2-5 hours per week

68.2%
of students enjoyed working

68.2%
of students had jobs during the school year

11%
of students worked 10+ hours per week

25.5%
of students did not enjoy working

PSYCHED FOR IT Aiming for the recycling bin, Kiriako Tsoukalas, junior, tries to score points for his team during one of social studies teacher Mr. Matt Kalwasinski's AP Psychology review games as teammate Peter Kounelis, junior, watches. His team won the game. "Everyone gets really excited for the review game," Kiriako said. "It's like a fun way to relax, yet prepare for a test."

ONE MOMENT
TO EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

STRONG ALONE
MUNSTER
CHAMPIONS TOGETHER

THERE WERE MOMENTS WHERE WE THOUGHT WE COULD NOT DO IT– THOSE MOMENTS WHERE WE STARED AT OUR BACKPACKS UNABLE TO FIND THE STRENGTH TO OPEN IT. Those moments where our computer screens TURNED BLUE as we opened it and we thought of the essay we forgot to save. Yet, no matter how difficult things became, we found the STRENGTH to prosper on.

Maybe it took us until our FOURTH SNAP QUIZ to finally pass it. Maybe it took school night sleepovers with your BULKMATIC GROUP as you bonded over truck tires and technology. Maybe it took walking around with goggle outlines on our faces after spending hours in the lab at SCIENCE OLYMPIAD.

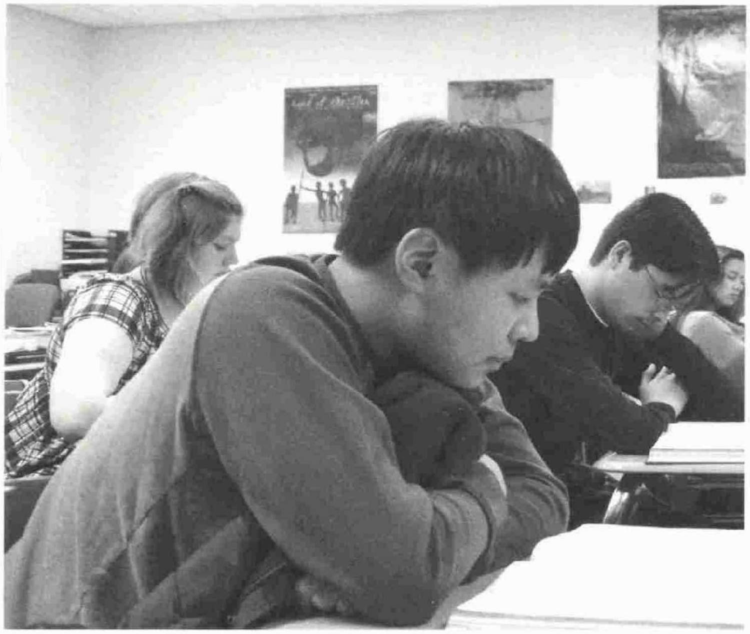
When we were given ONE MOMENT to expand our knowledge, we pushed ourselves past what we thought were our limits; we LEARNED things about our world that we never knew were POSSIBLE; and we became capable of exceeding our own expectations and never wasted a MOMENT in the process.

KEEPING THEIR NOSES IN BOOKS

From Read and White Book Club to in-class assignments, students read everything from novels to textbooks to poetry to each other's essays

SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE Listening to Rebecca Cornejas, senior, Mrs. Twila Marsh, Media Specialist, conducts the Read and White Book Club meeting. The club met once a month and discussed their book of choice. "I was interested in reading, and I knew there were a lot of students interested, too," Mrs. Marsh said.

BOOKWORM Reading out of his textbook, Evan Dong, sophomore, focuses in English teacher Ms. Westland's English 10 Honors class. Evan read his book to prepare for an upcoming test. "Reading wasn't always fun," Evan said. "It helped a lot for the test. I always felt more prepared after reading the book."



PERFECT PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

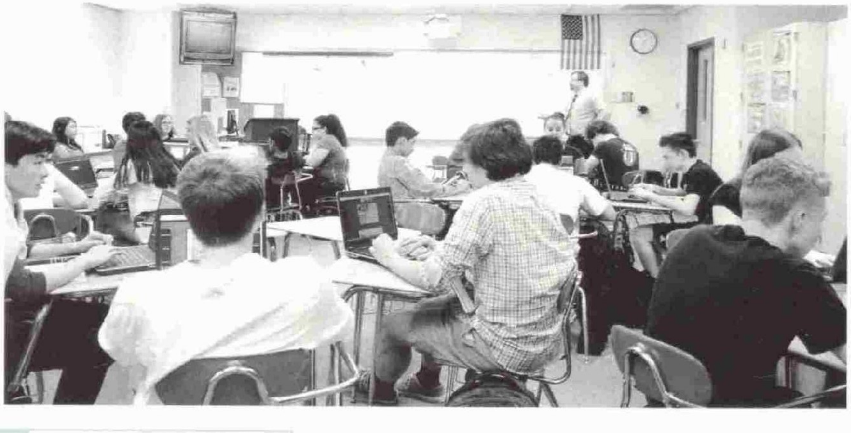
To prepare for May exams, AP Language and Composition and AP English students took practice tests in order to familiarize themselves with the upcoming tests

WITHSTANDING THE TEST OF TIME Preparing to offer input in her group, Emily Wierman, senior, rereads a passage in her AP Language and Composition exam practice book in English teacher Mrs. Daugherty's AP Language and Composition class. Emily planned on taking the AP Language and Composition exam in May; to prepare students like Emily, Mrs. Daugherty conducted group and individual practices at the beginning of class. "I took the AP Literature exam my junior year, so most of the material wasn't that new," Emily said. "Some material and test structure was different, though, and practice exams got me ready for the pressure of taking the actual timed test itself."

PUT TO THE TEST Circling his answer, Arlo Detmer, senior, races to complete an individual practice section. Individual practice sections were conducted by being required to read a passage and answer multiple choice questions in a certain time span, which was often about 10 minutes but could be as long as 30 minutes. "I really didn't like taking a ton of tests because they were pretty challenging," Arlo said. "Practicing beforehand made it a lot easier on me because I really knew what I was heading into because the timing and difficulty weren't shocks to me anymore."

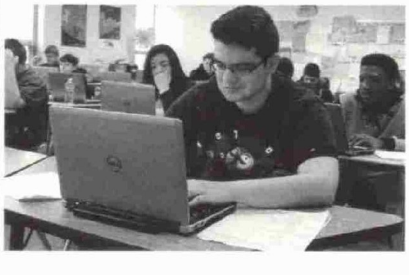
ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH

Underclassmen english teachers took a different approaches to teaching their classes through having projects and activities on laptops to introduce new topics



BELLS AND WHISTLES Answering a question, Mr. Jim McNabney, English teacher, leads his English 9 class as they were divided based on the Multiple Intelligences Theory. Class discussions played an integral role in his classroom. "(I liked) how their minds were open to new ideas," Mr. McNabney said."

BRIGHT AS A BUTTON Looking for information on his computer, William Latinovich, freshman, fills out a literary chart. In order to dissect the reading material given, students often filled out literary charts. "I didn't always automatically understand, so filling out the charts helped me get what was going on," William said.



HAVING THE FLOOR

Students were receptive and eager to learn as lesson plans provided both education and fun

English class: thoughts of writing lengthy papers and reading required books often came to mind. However, when students had a teacher that turned traditional teaching into a more fun environment, such thoughts left. To her students, Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher, was that teacher.

"The class was so unpredictable," Savannah Sharpe, freshman, said. "You never knew what we would talk about."

Whether they were joking around or taking pictures for Instagram, Mrs. Barnes related to her students, according to Savannah Sharpe, freshman.

"The class always brightened up my day," Alyssa Strege, freshman, said.

Although Mrs. Barnes still assigned papers and projects, they were never boring, according to Alyssa.

"Even though you had requirements like word count, the topic that was chosen was always interesting," Alyssa said.

Mrs. Barnes often interacted with her students in a relatable way, which made learning easier and more fun.

"She always found a way to be a part of the conversations between the other students in the class and I," Alyssa said.

English was a favorite class for students because of how fun learning was, according to Alyssa and Jill Cuvala, freshman.

"It was just so entertaining," said Jill.

Mrs. Barnes' class was like others—except for the random conversations that occurred every day; topics ranged from the weekly schedule to weekend adventures.

"She was one of my favorite teachers," Jill said.

ET TU, BRUTE? Reenacting a scene in Julius Caesar, sophomores Justin Gill and Kestutis Vaitkus read lines from the Shakespearean play. Students giggled in the background as they watched their classmates play the roles of ancient politicians as they had a front row seat. "It was funny for everyone, but we also learned more from the play than just reading it," Kestutis said.

IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE

Students adapt to math department changes

After two teachers retiring and one taking a job offer at a different school, both students and employees have undergone various changes in the mathematics department.

"I was expecting there to be a lot of issues after two teachers left, but the kids are still the same great students," Mr. Mark Knight, math teacher, said. "More bodies in the room has not necessarily meant more problems."

When Mr. Knight took over Mr. Joe Sokol's pre-calculus and calculus classes after employing elsewhere, Mr. Don Bugaski, geometry and trigonometry teacher, was appointed to teach Mr. Knight´s classes.

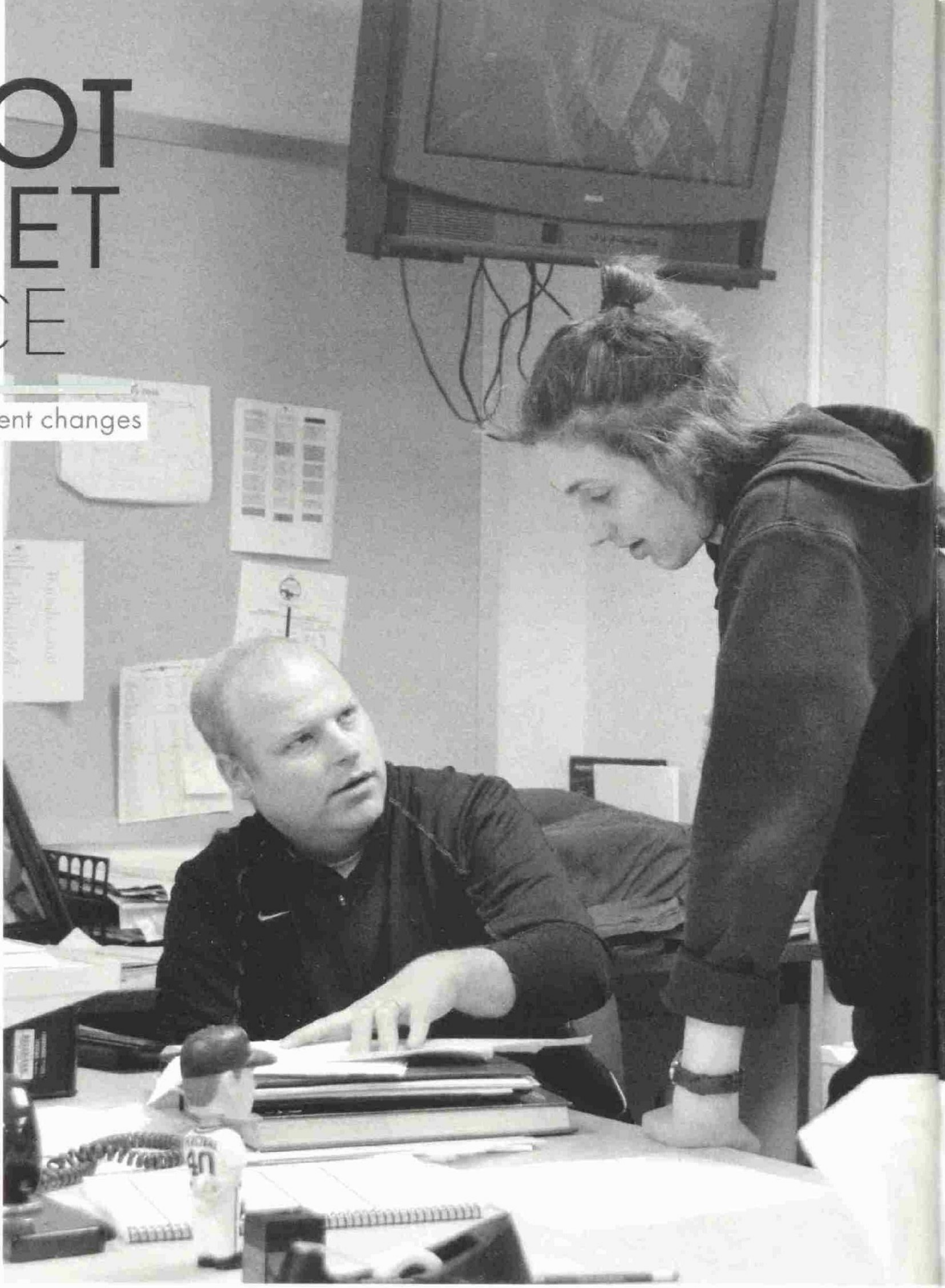
"It was a unique job," Mr. Sokol, math teacher, said. "I've taken a lot away from teaching and I'd like to think the students have taken away from me. Whether it be just math skills or something bigger picture like problem solving and critical thinking."

Mr. Jeff Hamstra who was a Dean at Wilbur Wright Middle School last year, was transferred to the high school because of budget cuts and now teaches ECA remediation and algebra II.

"Being a dean was very different," Mr. Hamstra said. "Every day was a different situation. Working as a teacher is much more structured. I really get to focus on my individual students and it's a lot less stressful."

Teachers and student have adapted positively to the shift the budget crisis has presented.

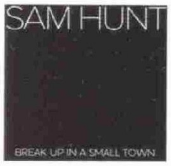
"The math department is full of great teachers that work well together and hard for their kids," Mr. Hamstra, said.



1. HELPFUL HAMSTRA At the end of class Dorde Blagajevic, senior, receives help from Mr. Jeff Hamstra, math teacher. Mr. Hamstra used different learning methods to teach his students the best learning style for each individual. "Mr. Hamstra is good with helping students," Dorde said. "He points out what we do wrong and makes it easy to solve by showing us various ways of solving."

MUSICAL MATH

Students share their favortive genre of music to listen to while finishing math homework to help concentration


SAM HUNT
BREAK UP IN A SMALL TOWN

"I listen to country. It distracts me from the pain of doing algebra homework."

Favorite studying song:
"Break up in a Small Town"
by Sam Hunt

MOON TAXI
CABARET

"Alternative is not too disracting. It helps me stay calm when I'm doing my math homework."

Favorite study song:
"Mercury"
by Moon Taxi

"I grew up listening to rock music. It's soothing and helps me concentrate."

Favorite studying song:
"When I come around"
by Green Day

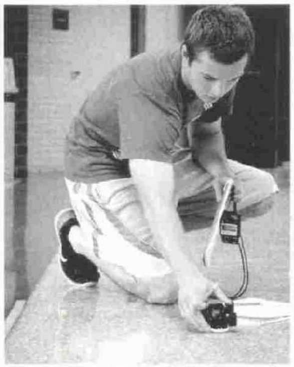
"Rap music gets me hyped to do homework. It helps me tune everything out, so I can focus."

Favorite study song:
"The Weekend"
by Mac Miller

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Students explain the purpose and procedure of physics labs they preformed through a hands on learning approach

FREE FALLING Looking into the air, seniors, Anaria Riggio and Christina Sanche, stood in the football field and used a device to measure the angles. They used the data to calculate the height the the object was dropped.

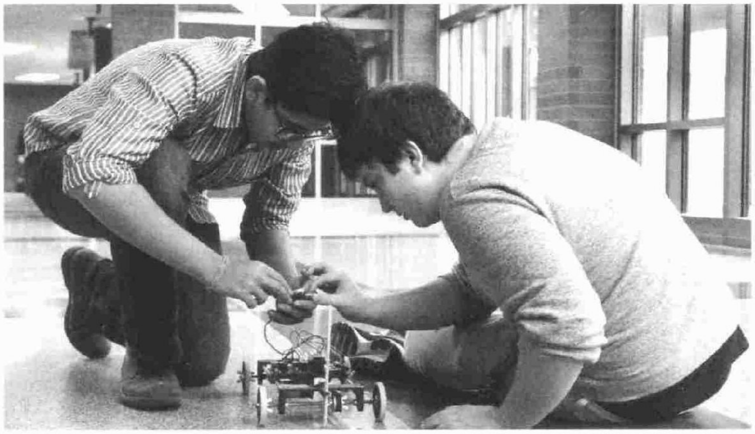


CAR CALCULATIONS With a toy car in one hand, and a timer in the other, Mike Yoniles, senior, prepares to launch his car down the hallway for a physics lab. After performing the lab, he calculated the speed of the toy car.

MOVING MARBLES Typing data into their laptop, seniors Josh Marciniak and Jason Crary are finalizing their physics lab report. The students made predictions and compared their data to the their actual results on spreadsheets.

	Finding g Lab	Car Lab	Marble Lab
Procedure	Students calculate acceleration provided by Earth's gravity (g) by dropping a one kilogram weight from the top of football field bleachers.	Students wind up cars to create kinetic energy in the vehicle. They keep track of data to calculate and compare the speeds.	Students cocked back springs to lauch marbles. Using photo gates, data collecting devices, they collected time and distance data to calculate speed.
Purpose	The purpose of the Finding g Lab was to determine the acceleration of fall on earth.	The purpose of the Car Lab was to familiarize students with converting units efficiently.	The purpose of the Marble Lab was to use Physics laws to make predictions about speed.

Source: Mr. Keith Kozut, science teacher; Mike Yoniles, junior; Christina Sanchez, senior



1. ELECTRIC EXCELLENCE As a science olympiad competition approaches, Aditya Mishra and Alex Kirr, seniors, work diligently to prepare for their event, electric vehicle. Their hard work payed off after winning first at the North Ridge and Boysville invitationals. "Before doing this event, I wasn't much of a circuit person," Aditya Mishra said. "I learned a lot about constructing circuit boards."

2. TRIPPY TRIG After missing a day of school, Nureya Miller, senior, sits in the back of Mr. Bugaski, math teacher's, classroom to make up her trigonometry test. Because of her long review she had days prior, Nureya easily finished the test with time to spare. "I like trigonometry because it's not too difficult," Nureya said. "I like the teacher. He does a good job explaining everything, so I do well."

3, LOOKING LAB To help further their understanding of microscopes, Melissa Mardyla and Alexandra Vjestica, freshmen, perform a lab. The biology classes used microscopes to examine study mitosis. "I like biology a lot, but I don't like going to the lab because it's difficult to get a good grade on them," Melissa Mardyla said.

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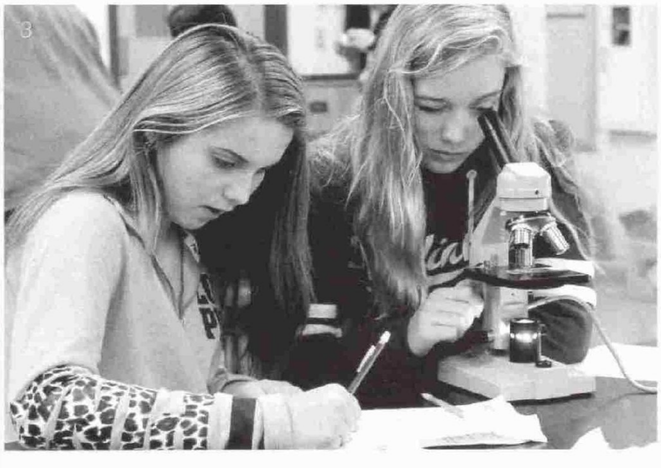

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AIR OF ARETÉ

We The People taught civic education both inside and outside of the classroom

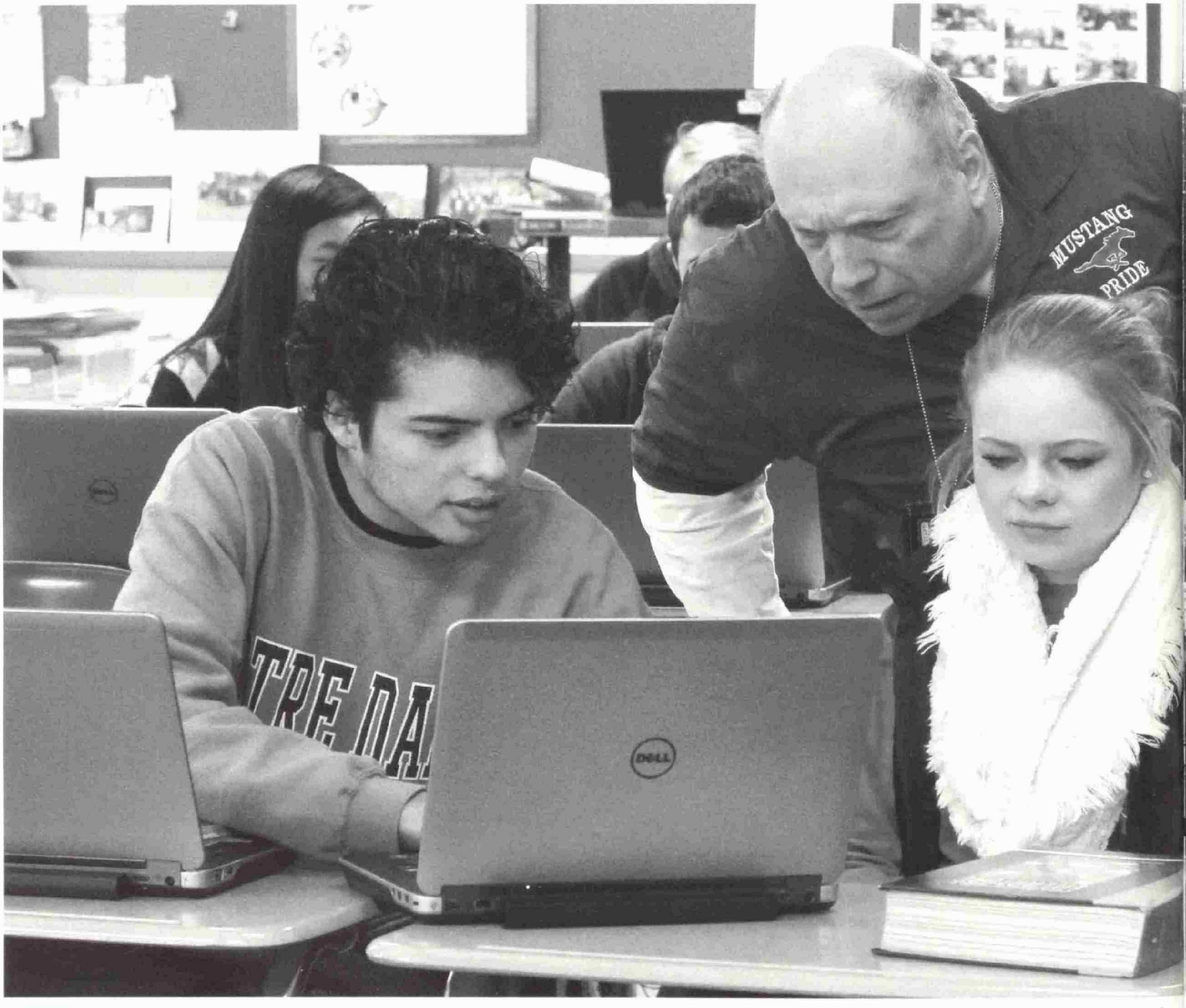
The clock ticked into the early hours of the morning as We The People juniors Jake Ingoglia and Lily Warren were wide awake, studying topics such as the origins of the government, to an in-depth look on how the branches work. We The People was a co-curricular that gave students who had a further interest in civics the opportunity to test their knowledge during the District, State and National levels. As the State competition came to a close, the students placed third, ending their season early.

With early mornings, late night study sessions and numerous drafts of speeches, students furthered their passion for civics.

"I really wanted to do something in law further down the road, which is something I never considered before participating in We The People," Jake said. "It was so much more than a club. It helped me feel much more educated and helped me on developing my own views on the world, not just follow my parents views."

Although the course involved 10-15 hours of studying a week for some, students felt as though the benefits outweighed the stress and difficult speeches.

"I got more out of We The People than a better understanding of the government," Lily said. "You enter a room with kids you don't know and by the end of the class, you've gained a family experience that you can't find anywhere else."



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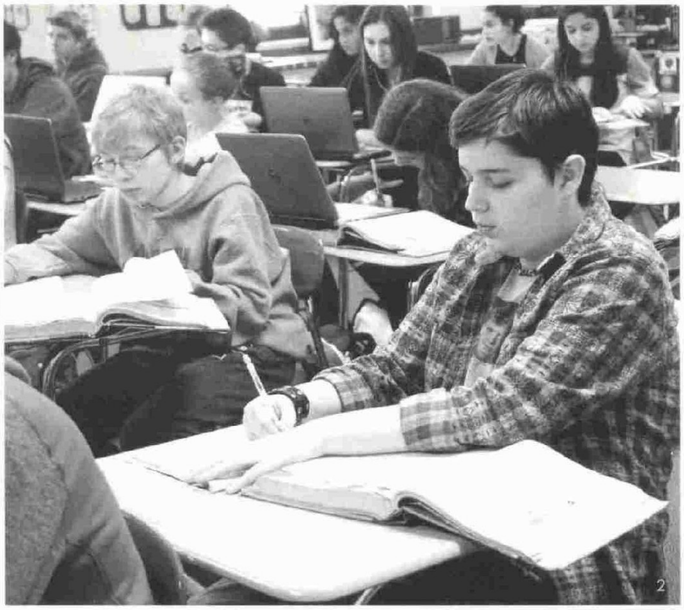
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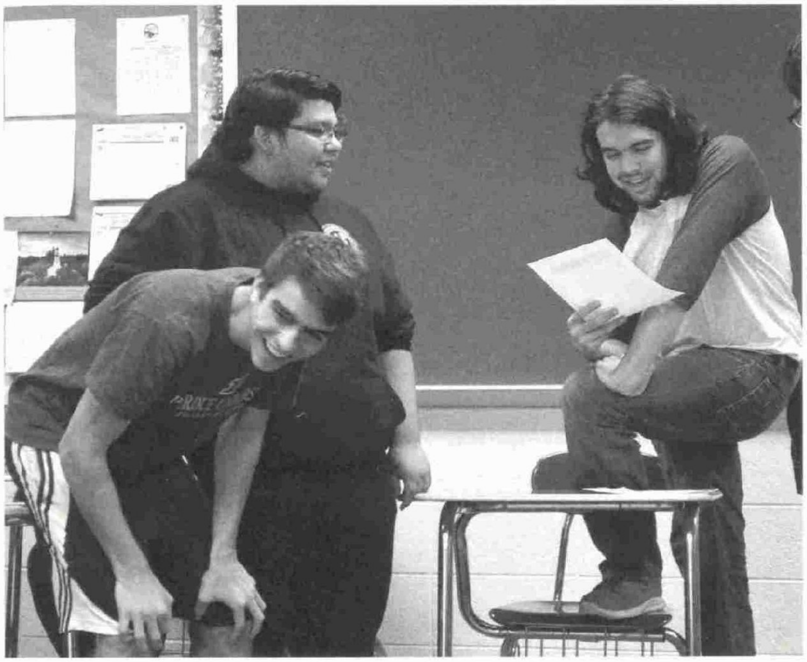
1. VOICE OF THE PEOPLE During the AP US History Demonstration, juniors Maddy Foley and David Green represent Unit 6 on their We the People team, answering questions from Mr. Michael Gordon, We the People coach and social studies teacher; Mr. Steven Lopez, social studies teacher, and the AP US History class. "We the People helped improve my civic education and gave me a better understanding on policy and court cases," David said.

2. HITTIN THE BOOKS Starting their homework early, freshman Nick Larson and Gabe Haro take notes from their book during Ancient History. "I think that Herold's note taking method is interesting and helpful in making sure that every student reads the notes," Nick said.

3. TELLING A STORY Mid-laughter, seniors John Karamichos, Leo Ortiz and Dylan Bugajski present a story involving the amendments during Government class. "Each hour of the day was a different amendment," Dylan said. "Once the hours ran out, we wrote that the president decided to extend the day in order to accommodate the amendments."

4. DON'T PSYCH OUT During social studies teacher Mr. Matt Kalwasinski's AP Psychology review game, Brandon Andreasen, junior, prepares to score points for his team. The game involved dividing the class into teams, answering questions on the chapter's vocabulary and tossing a ball into a bucket for points.



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APUSH SURVIVAL GUIDE

Student endured countless hours of studying for APUSH and developed their own tactics to cope with the difficult course

1. Lecture notes are you best friends. Abbreviate everything and write quickly.

2. Just because Mr. Lopez is showing a movie clip, doesn't mean it's nap time. The content and notes will be useful.

3. There will be students that cheat and achieve higher grades than you, even though you studied all night. You can't do much but complain and post passive-aggressive subtweets.

4. No one does well for the first couple of months so don't stress out if you aren't getting the grades you want for all the effort you put in. You'll get the hand of it eventually.

5. Get a study group together. They're also really good to complain with.

6. Reading assignments go from seven pages to 20 real quick. Appreciate the seven pages while you can.

Sources: juniors Meredith Lee and Melissa Fronczek

CLIMBING THE CHARTS As seniors Calvin Leich and Taylor Brant work on the Stock Market Game, Mr. Donald Fortner, Economics teacher, explains how joint markets work. "If you want to get into business, I think economics is a good skeleton to help you start," Calvin said. "It will help you in college if you want to become an entrepreneur."

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Clarie LeMonnier, senior, creates lasting bonds with her host family on her IU Honors trip to France

After stepping off the plane and into her new home for the next few months, Claire LeMonnier, senior, was in for a lot more than she anticipated. Participating in the IU Honors Program in Foreign Languages, Claire spent her summer in France with a host family that has largely impacted her life.

"My true family was larger than what I thought when I received information on them before arrival," Claire said. "Family is a big deal in Europe so my entire extended family was very close and I saw my host grandparents daily."

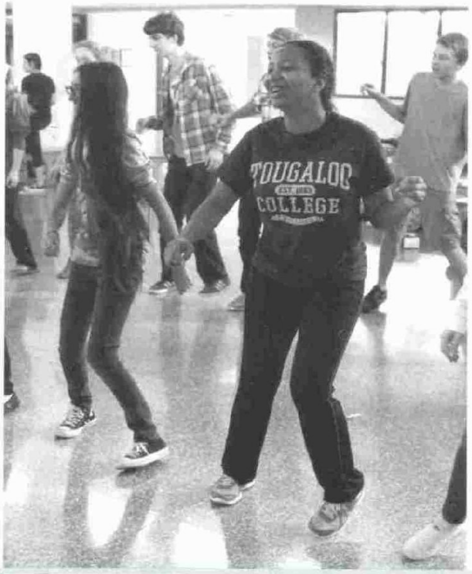
Partnered with a family that was young and filled with energy, there was always kids running around and playing. Constantly surrounded around kids between ages one to eight, Claire was always busy keeping them company. At family gatherings, it was not unusual to be at her host grandmother's house until 1 a.m.

"Everyone would sit around and talk for hours," Claire said. "I would teach the little girls how to make flower crowns and play soccer with the little boys."

The night before she left, she had a memorable time with her younger host brother, Marvin. After spending countless hours keeping him company and playing with him, it was time for her to say goodbye to him and the rest of the family. The summer was coming to an end and the goodbyes were commencing.

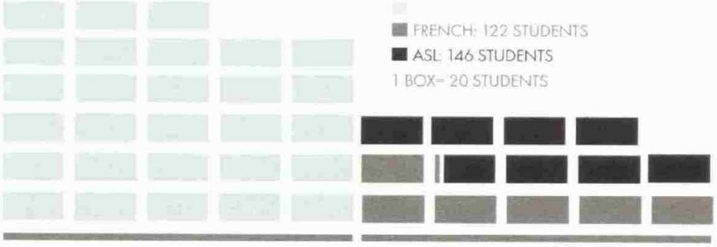
"It was late and it was my last chance to say goodbye to Marvin. We were both begging to stay up later," Claire said. "He and I snuck outside and played soccer in the dark. I ran around giving him piggy-back rides and he picked me flowers. It was sad to say goodbye but my last night playing in the yard with Marvin was such a sweet, perfect way to say goodbye."

PARTY TIME Spending time after school in the French classroom, Claire LeMonnier, senior, participates in a halloween party. Wearing a mask as her Jack-O'-Lantern costume, she joined in on the fun. "We have a lot of parties and celebrate as many holidays as possible in French Club," Claire said.

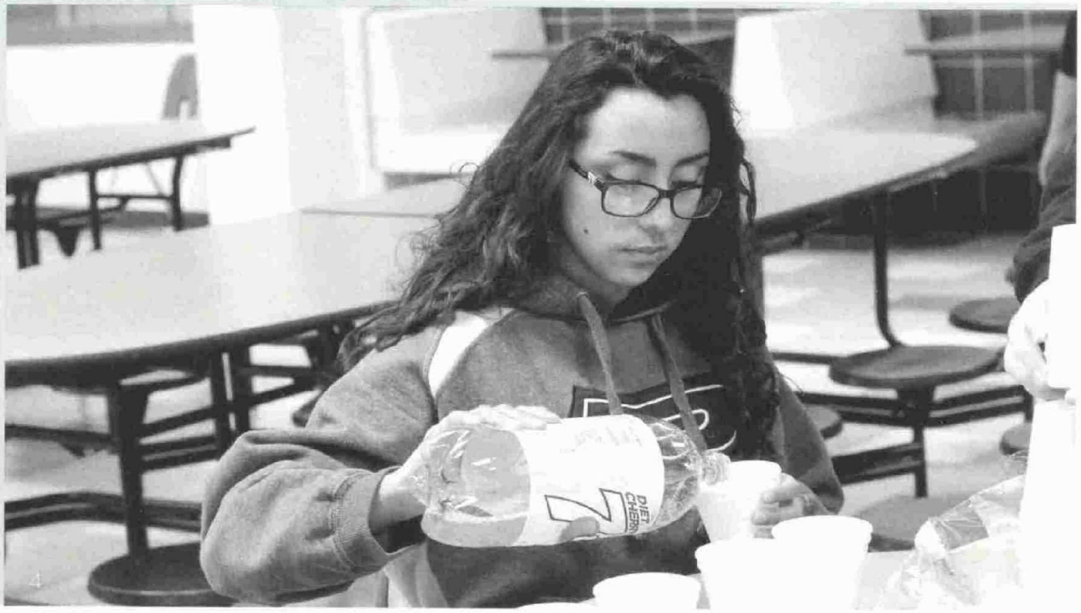


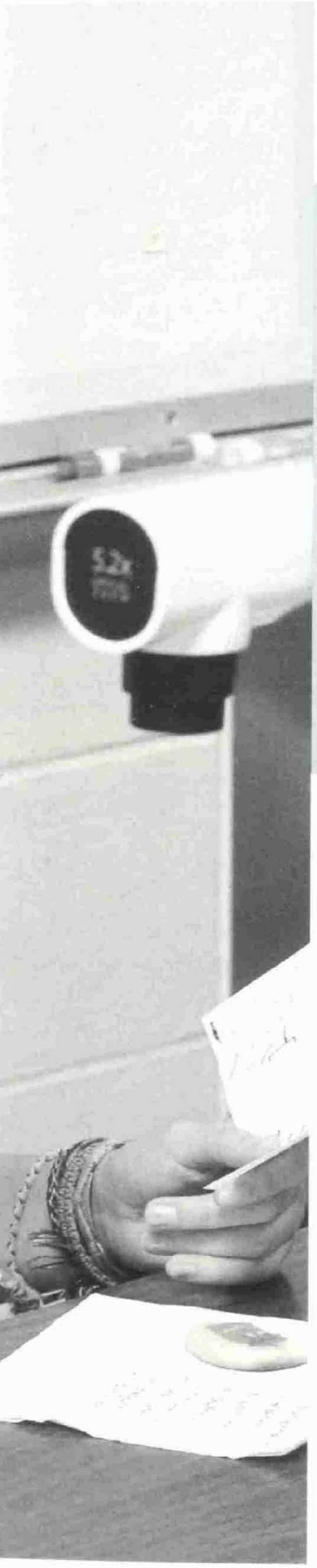
THE BIG THREE

With three foreign language classes to choose from, students pick from eithern Spanish, American Sign Langauge and French



Source: Mrs. Jessica Sanchez, guidance counselor





A HANDS-ON LESSON

Here are some instructions on how to say a few popular acronyms using letters in sign language

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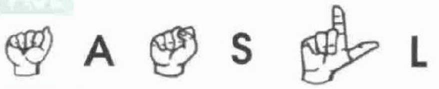

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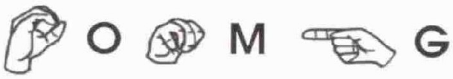

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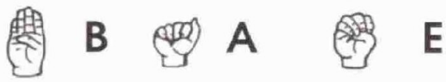


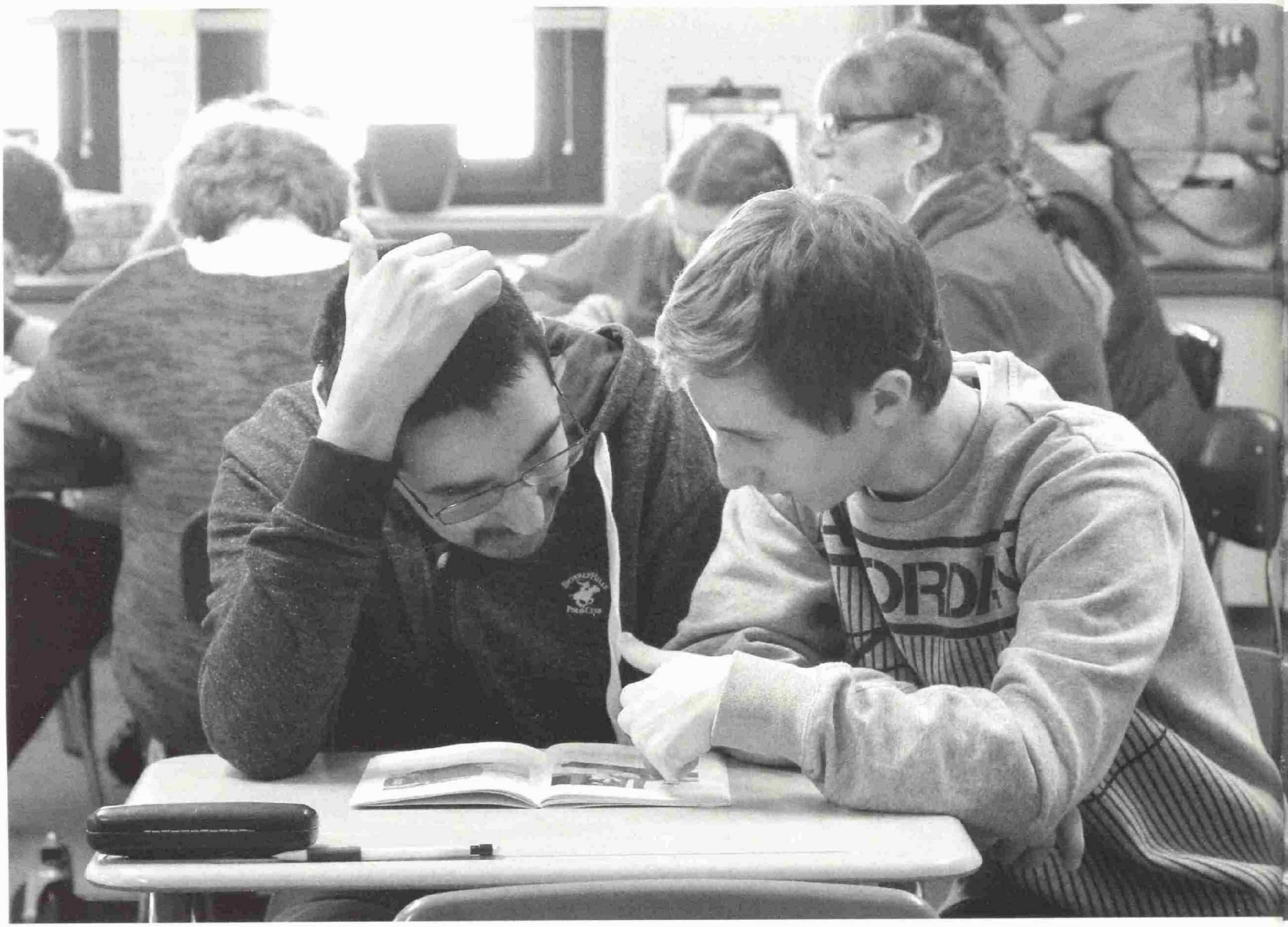
Source: American Sign Language Guide

1. [illegible] Sitting across from each other, juniors Gurkiran Kaur and Stacey Cross sign to each other at the combined ASL and Spanish Club party. The two clubs celebrated with snacks, drinks and games.

2. A LESSON IN ESPAÑOL In front of her Spanish 3 class, Sra. Florencia Stoll, Spanish teacher, teaches a lesson in the language. Students in Spanish 3 focused their lessons around conjugation of verbs and on the Spanish culture.

3. TAKES TWO TO TANGO Joining in the dance, Alainna Carey, sophomore, shows her moves in the Commons during a Spanish dancing lesson. Spanish Club often held interactive meetings where they either engaged in crafts or Mexican dancing.

4. [illegible] At the Spanish Club Valentine's Day party, Cecilia Zavala, senior, fills up her cup and others with some beverages. At Spanish Club parties, members were able to enjoy snacks and drinks.



GET IN THE ACT

Follow the script to improvise a skit like Theatre Arts students did

One: I can't believe it.
Two: Are you sure?
One: Oh.
Two: What does it mean?
One: I can't.
Two: You can.
One: It's done.
Two: Oh.

Source: Ms. Peggy Matanic, English Teacher

LIGHTS, CAMERA After performing an improv skit for the class, Emma Klefeker, sophomore, receives feedback from her teacher, Ms. Peggy Matanic, English teacher. Emma took the advice into consideration in her following performances. "It was a fun group activity, but it was challenging because the script she gave us had one word lines and incomplete sentences," Emma said.

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BABY BUSINESS After school, juniors Serena Marin and Paige Sevald laugh about spending the day with a fake pregnant belly for Child Development. The belly helped Serena realize what it feels like to be pregnant. "It's extremely exhausting," Serena said. "At the end of the day my bad hurt so badly. I would never be able to stand it for nine months."

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOOKS

Students shared skills they gain from taking elective classes

Whether it be group work or one-on-one help, Brad Sikora, senior, was always excited to help other students pronounce words and answer questions over books in his Peer Tutoring elective.

While the West Lake students studied math first period, second period was reading hour.

"The peer tutoring program was a great opportunity," Brad said. "It was nice for (the West Lake students,) because they got the chance to work with kids their own age. It made learning more fun and interesting. It was something that drives the kids to work harder."

Peer tutoring was not only an outlet for students to be helpful, but it also served as a way to make new friends.

"I was always too busy to do Best Buddies, so I decided to take Peer Tutoring," Brad said. "It has allowed me to make friends that will last a lifetime."

As well as allowing the West Lake students to grow from this program, the tutors also took skills away and have an altered outlook on students with learning disabilities.

"I will always know how to deal with people in all different situations," Brad said. "Many people would be surprised at how intelligent the students are when really they there are no different from you and I."

Peer tutors work in groups with other students who decide to take the class. Brad was partnered with Mackenzie Portone, senior.

"This class is a big stress reliever to be able to spend time with the kids because they are so care-free and sweet," Mackenzie said.

HELPING OUT During reading hour, Brad Sikora, senior, reads the book "Honest Abe," a story about Abraham Lincoln with Westlake student, Justin Rios. While making their way through the book, Brad helped Justin pronounce words. "The best part of the peer tutoring program is getting to see them learning and the student's progress," Brad said.

[illegible] Before leaving for winter break Alex Eismin, sophomore, and Kayley Gruber, senior, make cookies together.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Foods student suggest things to do and not to do when cooking

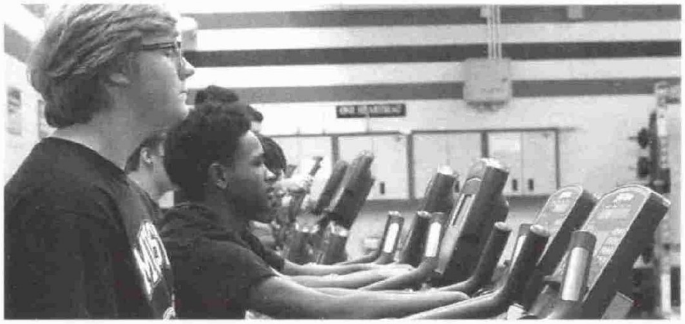
DOs	DON'Ts
• Separate raw meats from other foods	• Use the same cutting board for meats and vegetables
• Make sure all meat is thoroughly cooked	• Leave the oven unsupervised
• Reread recipes to prevent leaving something out	• Stir too much to prevent grease splatter

Source: Hannah Giba, sophomore

BONDING BUDDIES During a day of Crier staff bonding, Danijela Kaurin, Easan Venkat, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Ally Shinkan, Danie Oberman, Gavin Hamilton, and Sofia Navarro play a guessing game. It created a closer bond between people. "The game helped the staff make friends and get to know everyone on staff," Danijela said.

BY THE NUMBERS

Kess Vaitkus, sophomore, described the schedule of a typical day in Weight Training through the use of numbers



CYCLE IN TIME While doing a cycling routine, Kess Vaitkus, sophomore, makes conversation with friends in Weight Training.

10 minutes to get in uniform

8 classic rock songs listened to

2 laps jogged around the track

15 minutes on the cycling bikes

Source: Kess Vaitkus, sophomore

MORE THAN YOUR USUAL CLASS

While most classes consist of equations and compositions and experiments, art classes create a space of creativity

As students trudged from science to math and history to English, a routine developed. However, the mundane schedule was broken up by one word, three letters: art.

"It's really nice to have a class that I genuinely love to go to every day," Mega Dafiaghor, senior, said.

Whether it's AP Studio Art, Photography or Ceramics, creative energy lives within art department. Students can be found painting with oil, developing photographs in the dark room or even creating a clay masterpiece. Even though lessons and projects were structured, they were never boring, according to Mega.

"I like my other classes, but I love going to art every day," Erin Maley, sophomore, said. "It's a class that feels more home-y."

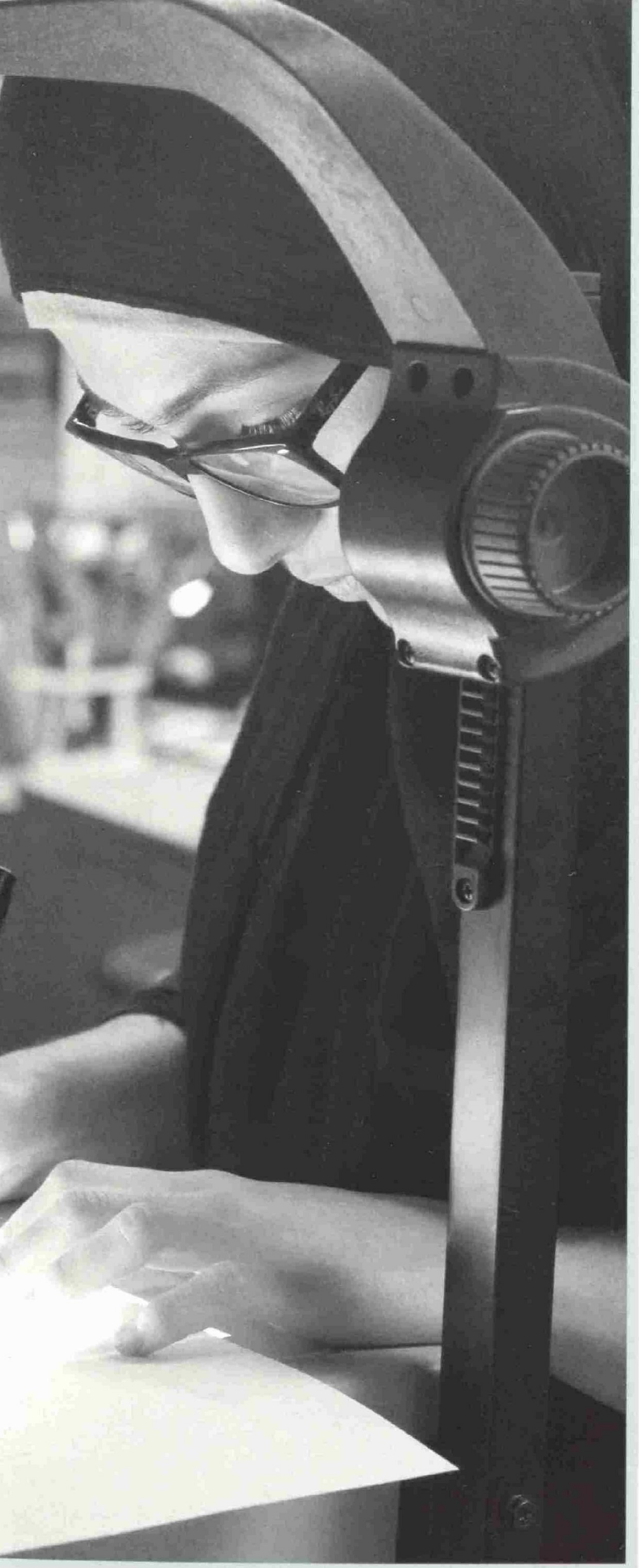
Students in art classes are able to take them at different levels. For example, taking Ceramics I will lead to Ceramics II and so on. Therefore, some students are in classes with each other for most of their high school years.

"I've made a lot of friends," Mega said. "It's definitely my favorite class."

LETTING THE LIGHT IN Drawing a picture on the projector, Laila Nawab, senior, concentrates on maintaining straight lines. Through using projectors, the entire class saw Laila's artwork. "It was, in a way, a way for me to relax," Laila said. "I have always really loved how art is completely open to using your own creativity, and it isn't judged based on other class' criteria, like specific rules or guidelines or standards."

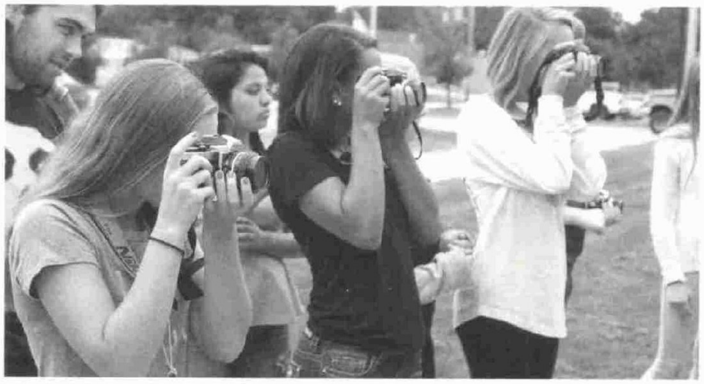
[illegible] As she worked on her clay mold, Ashley Anderson, junior, listen to Mr. Carl Fields, art teacher, give direction. Students work in pods in the ceramics classroom, and Mr. Fields often works with them to ensure they learn the fundamentals of clay work. "I learned a lot in ceramics," Ashley said. "Usually, when you think of learning in school, it is about something more general, so learning so much about art was cool."

MAKING YOUR MOLD Working with clay in ceramics, Haley Thill, freshman, begins a mold. Ceramics classes have levels and can be taken by underclassmen, beginning with Ceramics I. "My favorite part of ceramics was just being able to play with clay," Haley said. "I could really do my own thing and made it unique."



GET THE PICTURE

Learning the fundamentals in photography class included being in the field



THE BIG PICTURE Learning their angles in photography class, freshmen Kaitlin Strempka, Brianna Karl and Summer Witvoet snap photographs. The photographers learned about lighting and angles. "There was so much to learn and do in photography," Summer said. "Finals in any class were stressful, but in photography, you got to be creative."

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER Snapping a photograph during class, Camille Jancosek, senior, sets her focus. Practice, for the photography students, was implemented in the class. "The constant practice really helped me learn the ropes with the cameras," Camille said.

GET INTO THE STATE OF ART

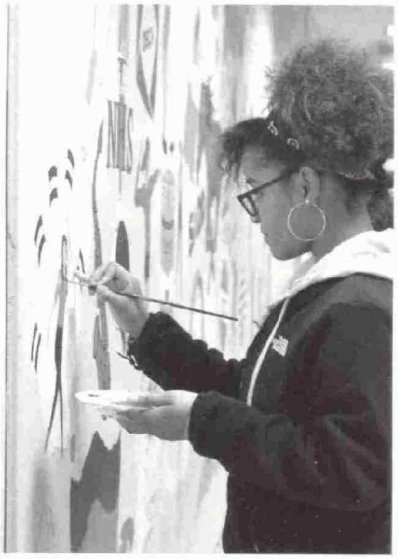
In art club, students expressed themselves through art outside of the classroom, following art teacher Mrs. Elena Lopez's top tips for honing their individual creativity

1 DEVELOP SKILLS
"(Utilize) outside sketchbook assignments to develop fine (your)motor skills and train (your) eyes."

2 TRUST YOURSELF
"Trust what you see... Trust your eyes."

3 BE CONFIDENT
"Rid yourself of the idea that you can't do something before you get started."

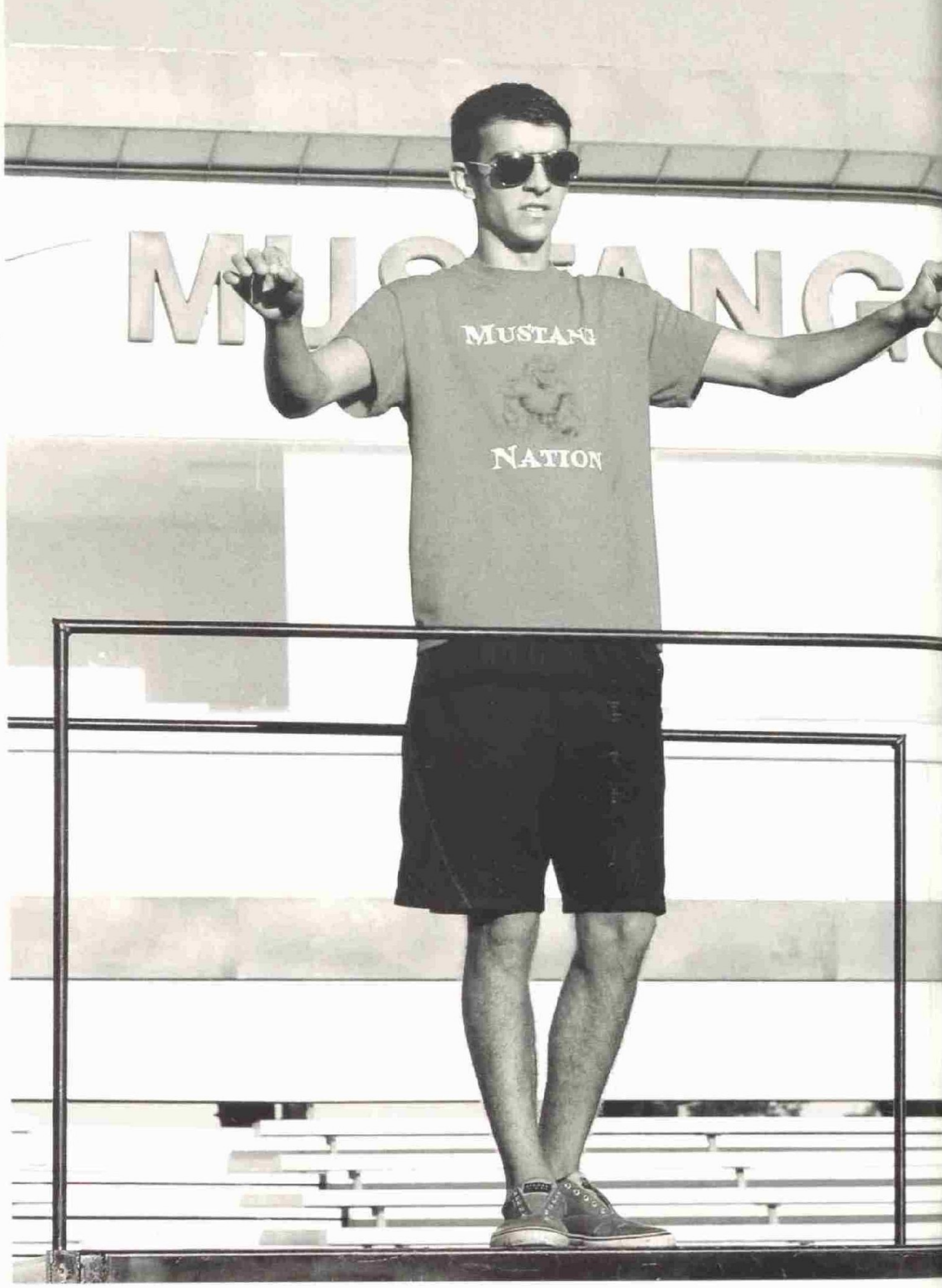
Source: Mrs. Elena Lopez, art teacher



WORTH 1,000 WORDS Placing finishing touches on the mural a South hallway, Mariah Dixon, sophomore, focuses on her artwork. Art Club painted a mural which represented the school's extracurricular activities through painting their various symbols. "As an underclassmen, painting this mural made me feel more like a part of the school," Mariah said.

THE DRUM &ONLY

Tackling a job that normally requires two people, John Karamichos, senior, did it all by himself



Trying to keep 110 high school students quiet and attentive is easier said than done. For John Karamichos, senior, he had to do it all on his own this band season. For the first time ever, John was the only drum major for the band. Normally, there are two drum majors to lead the band, until this year.

Typically running the band rehearsals by himself, it was never easy to get everyone's attention—but he always was able to do it.

"I was drum major last year with my friend Adam Kulam ('15), but he graduated last year and the director decided to have me be the only one this year," John said.

"It's a very stressful position, especially when you're the only one," John said. "All eyes are on you and band kids are relentless with their criticism."

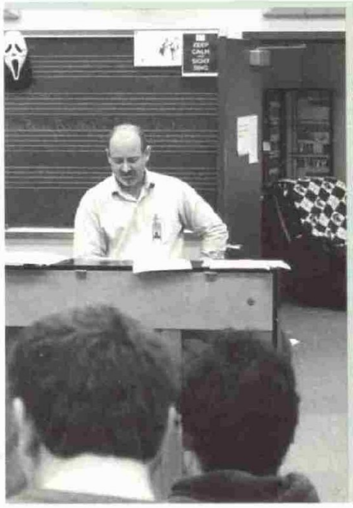
While trying to be liked and respected by everyone, John was able to find a balance that made his peers enjoy their band season.

"It was great because even though John is such a big authority figure to all of us, he is still our friend," Briana Lopez, junior, said. "With all the scenarios thrown at him, at the end of the day, I personally don't think anyone could have handled it as well as he did."

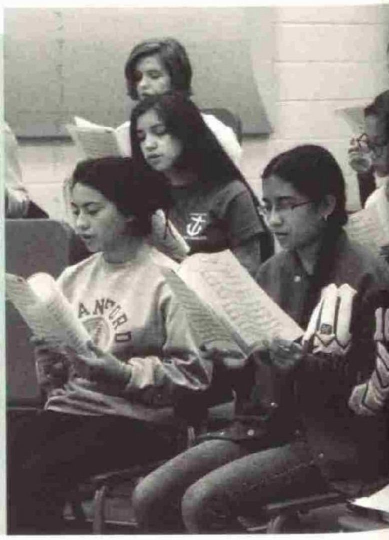
Being the first person to take on the role of being a drum major alone, John was under a lot of pressure. From sorting out seats on the bus to hotel rooms at their State competition, he was able to overcome every task that he faced.

"John was under a lot of pressure from Mr. Bret Winternheimer (band director) and from the fact that he had to control a bunch of kids. To me, that wouldn't be easy," Nolan Lomeli, junior said. "He always kept his cool and always tried to give us what we wanted and helped us with anything."

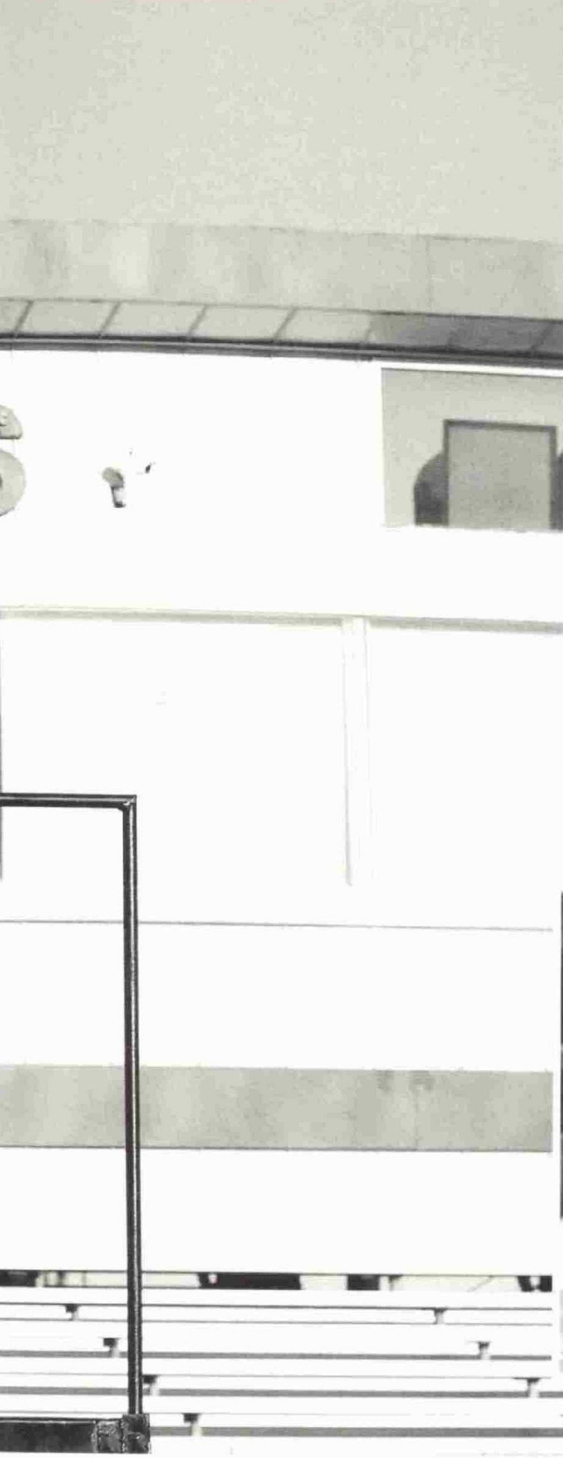
ALL BY HIMSELF Conducting the band by himself, John Karamichos, senior, led practice. Getting ready for competition, he stands on top of a platform on the football field. "I was working on movements 3 for competition," John said.

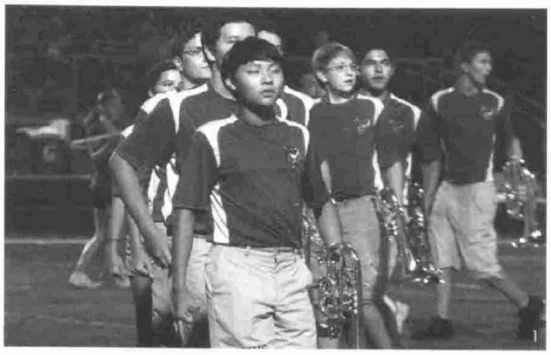


6. HELPING OUT Following along with his class during Choir, Mr. Bill Woods, music teacher, helps his students. Singing during class helps the students become stronger singers. "The students really enjoy class and take a lot from it, Woods said.



7. BEING PREPARED Preparing for competition in May, Lauren Florek and Alexia Calderon, seniors and Alexandria Bleza, junior, participate in choir class. "Everyday we practice sight singing for our big competition in May," Alexandria said.

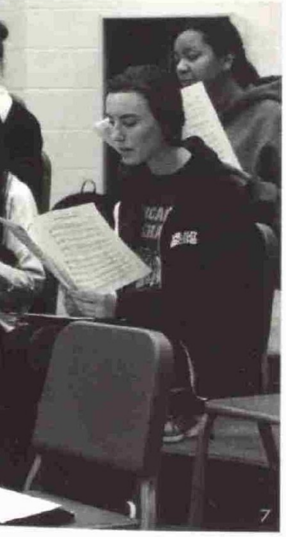




1. ON THE FIELD Taking the field during halftime, Evan Dong, sophomore, gets ready to perform with the rest of the band. Stepping onto the football field, the band begins. "Playing during halftime is fun, but I have to be focused" Evan said.

2. EARLY IN THE MORNING At practice in the morning, Jasmine Toor, sophomore, rehearses along with the rest of the band. Every morning first semester, band practices during first hour. "I was practicing the flute solo in the last set of the ballad," Jasmine said.

3. QUICK LOOK Taking a glance at the music, Genesis Tienstra, junior, reviews what she is playing. Besides having band practice every day, she had soccer practice, too. "I missed a lot of rehearsals due to soccer practice," Genesis said. "I had to review the music before I started playing."

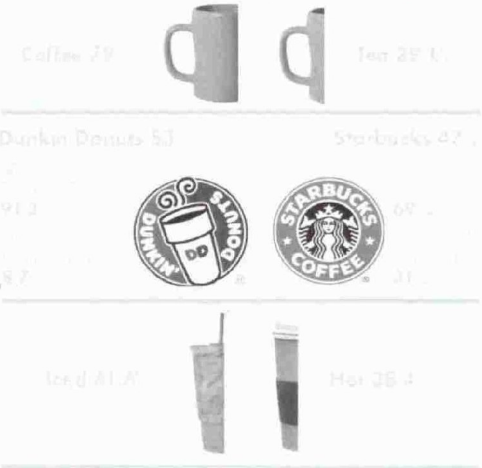


4. TAKING A CHANCE Practicing outside the orchestra room, Ji Yoon Lee, sophomore, prepares for the same Audition as Tiffany Wang, senior. "We all wanted a shot at the scholarship," Lee said. "It was worth a shot."

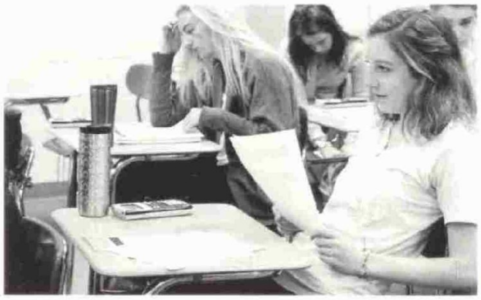
5. GETTING READY While the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp holds auditions that offered a scholarship for their camp, Tiffany Wang, senior, spends time rehearsing. Anyone who auditions has a chance to receive the scholarship. "As some of the choir and orchestra students were waiting for their turn, I was practicing outside the room." Tiffany said.

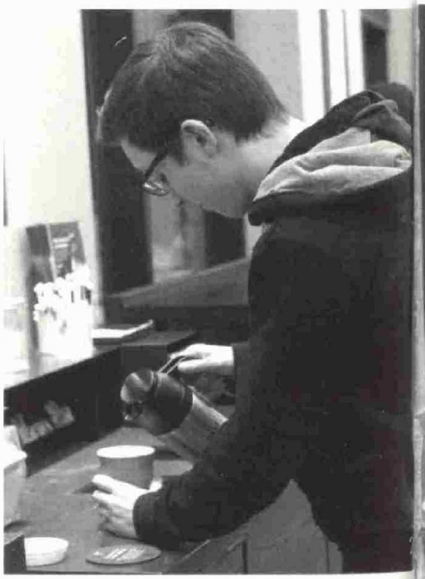
ESPRESSO YOURSELF

Students show their different beverage preferences



Source: survey conducted by Paragon of 459 students from Jan. 13-21 on Google Forms





1. GOT COFFEE Jackie Dye, senior, and Eudora Negri, senior, focused in Probability and Statistics while also drinking their coffee. Aside from buying coffee from local shops, students also made their own at home. "Coffee wakes me up for the long school day," Eudora said. "But also helps me stay up late to do my homework."

2. COFFEE O'CLOCK Jason Stout, sophomore, added cream and suger to his coffee before studying. Coffee can be prepared in different ways. "I definitely prefer my coffee with cream and sugar," Jason said. "The state of mind coffee puts me in allows me to do homework for longer periods of time."

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE

Either drinking coffee or tea to study, to energize or to relax, students enjoyed these two beverages

Before the sun rises, Naiomi Velasco, senior, was already making her first cup of coffee. The taste, the dependency and the help it provided to a seemingly endless workload, were a few of the reasons why Naiomi relied on it so heavily.

"I basically revolved a lot of my morning schedule around coffee," Naiomi said. "The first thing I did in the morning was wake up and make a pot of coffee and then I went to get ready (for school)."

Coffee wasn't the only drink to energize students. Tea was also popular. Lauren Wenzel, senior, drank tea when she wanted to relax after a long day at school.

"I was really into different kinds of tea, but I drank it mainly when I was winding down," Lauren said. "I just loved how tea had a less intense taste compared to coffee."

Students drank coffee locally, but Tara Layous, sophomore, started drinking coffee for the first time in Costa Rica this past summer. Helping harvest some organic coffee while in Central America, the craving started to strengthen over her three week trip.

"I drank black coffee every morning while I was there and just couldn't break the habit once I got home," Tara said. "I incorporated it into my daily routine by drinking an iced coffee every morning to help me concentrate."

Whether for socializing or studying or pure enjoyment, students tended to include coffee or tea in their daily lives—were big factors in students academic and social lives.

"I was just so fond of coffee because it was a good-tasting way to intake caffeine," Katie Dedelow, sophomore, said. "I've grown increasingly dependent on it."

COFFEE AND CHILL Studying at Starbucks on Calumet Ave., in Munster, lets juniors Nyssa Wedgeworth and Anna Whitney study in a quiet place where coffee was easily available. "Coffee keeps me up and I drink a lot of it if I need to stay up to study," Nyssa said. "Especially for APUSH."

3 [illegible] Preferring coffee shops over her home, Laila Nawab, senior, has little siblings who often are too loud for her to focus. The Starbucks on Indianapolis Blvd., in Schererville, created a relaxed setting. "It's like white noise coming to Starbucks to study. I love how it makes me determined," Laila said. "I work better with coffee involved, especially without interruptions."

4 [illegible] Posing for a selfie, freshmen Eleanor Wilson, Megan Dedelow and Maddie Foreit sip on iced coffee. Dunkin' Donuts on Calumet Ave., in Munster, is a popular place. "I get coffee every morning before school," Eleanor Wilson said. "I fall asleep if I don't get coffee, it helps me so much through the day."

ONE MOMENT TO BE HEARD

WE DID NOT REMAIN SILENT AS WE WAITED IN BUMPER-TO-BUMPER TRAFFIC, WAITING TO GET OUT OF THE SOUTH LOT EVERY DAY. We did not remain silent as we watched Donald Trump cause controversy during the presidential debate. We did not remain silent as we became comfortable speaking to walls during speech practice. Silence was never an option for our voices.

We never failed to speak our minds, whether it was while defending our political views during We the People practice, or conversing with our peers about current events, a Mustang Café coffee warming our frozen fingers. We were heard by the town as we practiced our instruments for seven hours under a hot sun on the turf field. We were heard by hundreds in the audience on the opening night of Working, singing as we descended from steel beams.

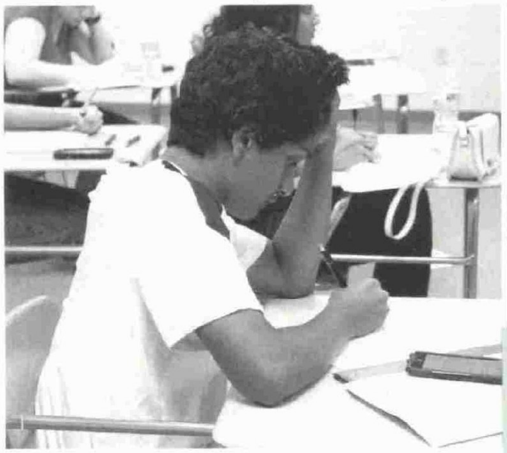
When we were given a moment to speak, we did not shy away—because of this, we were able to incite change, make our presence known and have our voices heard.

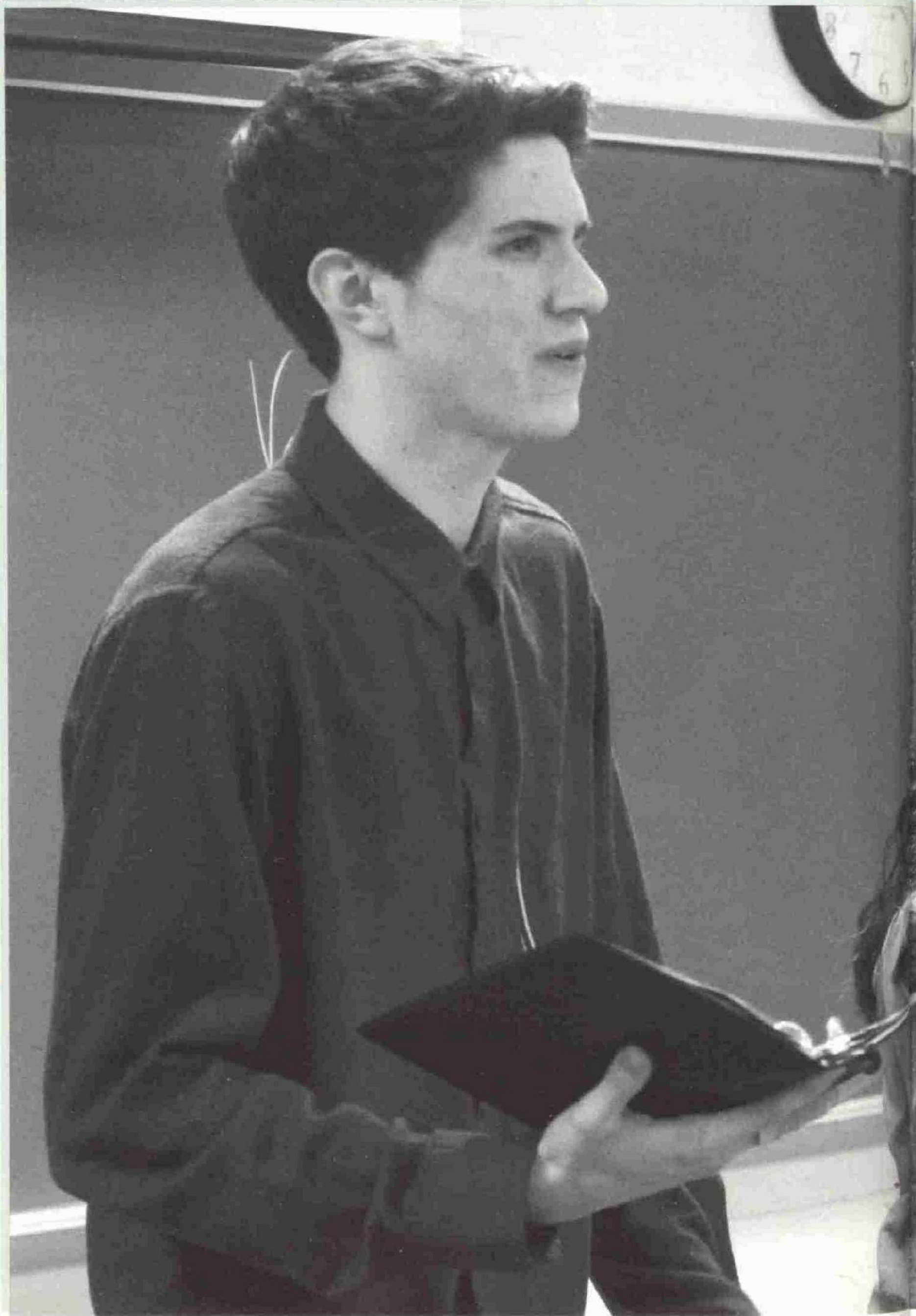
BANDING TOGETHER Playing the tuba, Zach Geron, junior, holds up his instrument during a summer band practice. Practices would sometimes go from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. "I found myself in an environment surrounded by my brothers who share the same dream and motivation as me," Zach said. "You find a sense of belonging in band, and that's why I play tuba– loud and proud."

1. IT'S A DECA THING Focused in, Shreyas Iyer, freshman, times himself as he works on his test at practice for DECA Districts. Shreyas participated in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing category. "DECA gave students an opportunity to introduce themselves in the world of business in a more extensive way than anything you could find in a high school classroom," Shreyas said.

2. A MUSTANG DAY With a new system of the announcements, sophomores Scott Kenning and Tara Layous read them off as Mrs. Betty Tanzillo, library aid, films them. The students were chosen based on activities they did–Speech students going first. "It was kind of rough at first," Scott said. "But once we got the hang of things, they usually ran pretty smoothly. It was interesting to be a part of for the first time."

3. A GREAT DEBATER At Debate practice, Anna Whitney, junior, writes supporting evidence on the board to find the best argument. Anna participated in the Lincoln-Douglas category. "I feel like I improved a lot this year because I had greater responsibilities on the team," Anna said. "While teaching others, I learned more myself."





MORE THAN A MEMBER

Members of student government nominated other members with roles that they felt students played

THE BIGGEST UNDERSTUDY

VINCE IVETICH, FRESHMAN

"A lot of the freshman are pretty quiet, but I think he's got potential and waiting for the time to make his mark."

MILAN OBRADOVIC, JUNIOR

THE ACTION TAKERS

SENIORS ANNA RIGGS & ALLY SZACKAS

"They always volunteered to make posters and were at every meeting. Anna got her voice out there at meetings and sent us all weekly emails. They both brought great ideas to the table."

MALLORY GRIM, JUNIOR

THE GO-WITH-THE-FLOW GIRL

SAVEDA MAJETY, JUNIOR

"She was so easy to talk to, but such a fun person in general. She was the most chill in the group."

ANASUYA BANDYOPADHYAY, JUNIOR

THE ENTHUSIASM

MILAN OBRADOVIC, JUNIOR

"He was just always really energized and knew how to get a room going and excited for anything."

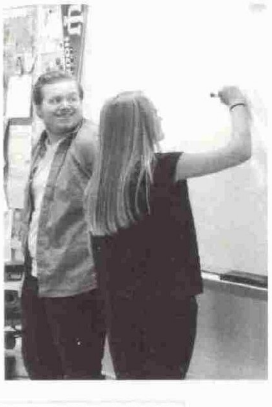
SAVEDA MAJETY, JUNIOR

THE GO-TO GUY

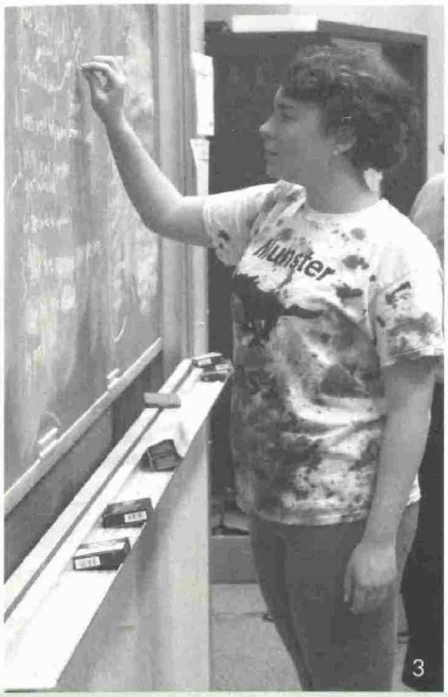
HARSH JHAVERI, SENIOR

"(Harsh) helped Lucas (Newell, senior) and I for most of our events. He was organized and helped us get things done quickly and efficiently–even if it was very last minute."

MACKENZIE PEIRICK, SENIOR



TAKING CHARGE Writing ideas on the board at a Student Government meeting, seniors Lucas Newell, president, and Mackenzie Peirick, vice president, lead their weekly meeting. "What made meetings interesting was the fact that every grade had a say," Lucas said.



STANDING TOGETHER

Both STAND Club and GSA Club worked independently to promote social change in the school

ONE CLUB FOR ALL Leading a GSA meeting, club president Tim DeRolf, junior, speaks about their upcoming events and plans. GSA members met together in English teacher Ms. Peg Metanic's classroom. "(GSA) helped students feel more comfortable with themselves, even if their beliefs differed," Meredith Lee, junior, said

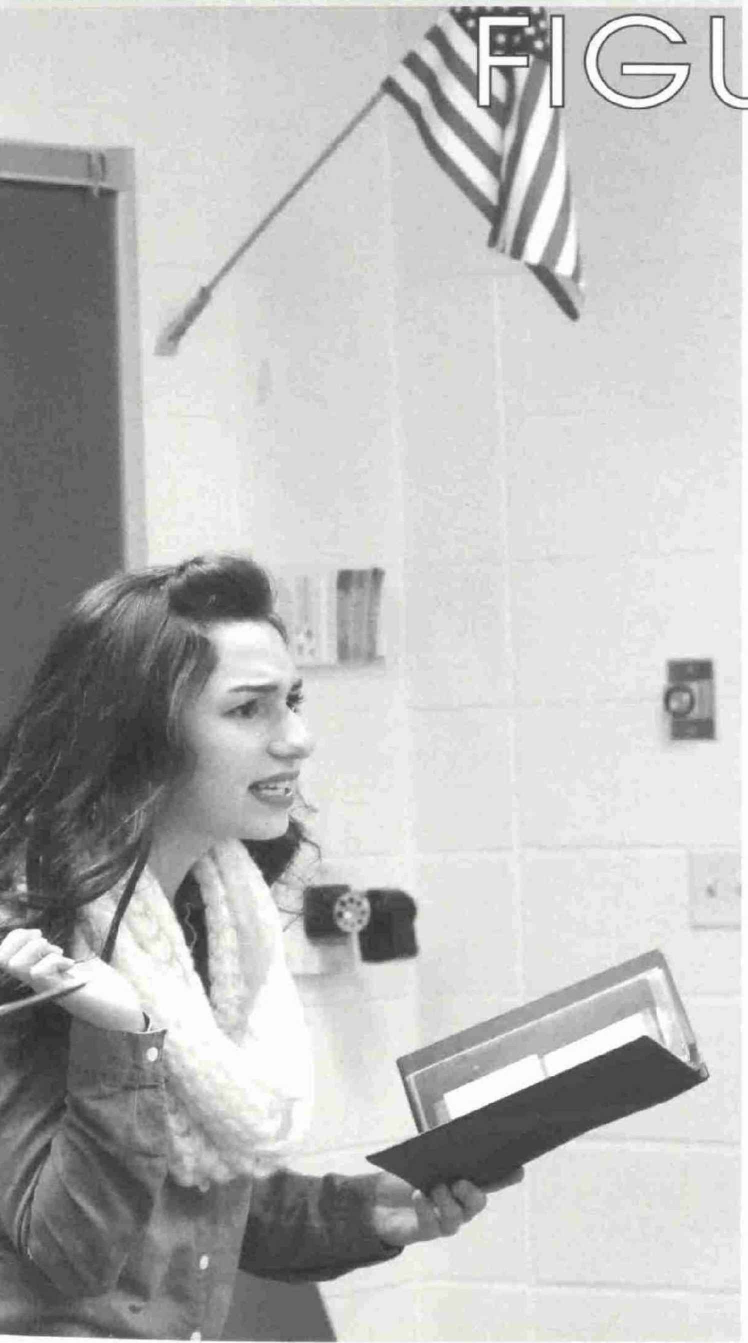
STAND Club *Socially Together and Nationally Diverse*

- Made posters about social awareness issues and put them around the school
- Spent each month promoting different social issues
- Sold shirts and gave excess money to domestic abuse houses for women

GSA Club *Gay-Straight Alliance*

- Held meetings discussing their own personal stories
- Brought together different groups of people to promote equality

Sources: Mega Dafiaghor, senior, and Tim DeRolf, junior



FIGURES OF SPEECH

AFTER A TOUGH COMPETITION AT SECTIONALS, THE SPEECH TEAM TRAVELED TO STATE AND SWEPT THE COMPETITION FOR THE 16TH

Eleven points. On February 27th, it took only eleven points for the Speech team to beat one of their biggest competitors, Chesterton High School, at Sectionals. Sending members of the Speech team onto State, the team dominated, taking up 27 of the 29 spots to advance.

"It was getting to be a really close battle between (Munster) and Chesterton," Emily Weirman, senior, said. "Luckily, a few underclassmen really stepped it up and we ended up winning by a slim margin."

With a team that was largely made up of freshmen and sophomores, the underclassmen took it upon themselves to make up for points and the older members they lost in the years before. The team won with about 199 points, with their scores normally ranging around 150, according to Chloe Zatorski, senior.

THE ROAD TO STATE In preparation for State, Cody Reinsma, sophomore, and Ani Arzumanian, junior, perform their duo act where they act as a father and daughter. The duo went on to win the State Championship. "The most incredible feeling was when you saw everyone clapping and smiling for you," Ani said. "It let me know that all our hard work really paid off."

"Sectionals is a whole different atmosphere," Tara Layous, sophomore, said. "It isn't as much about doing well as an individual, but it's more about getting the team in first place."

After advancing many members onto State, the practices became more intense and long, going from about 3 to 6 p.m. nearly every day leading up until the competition.

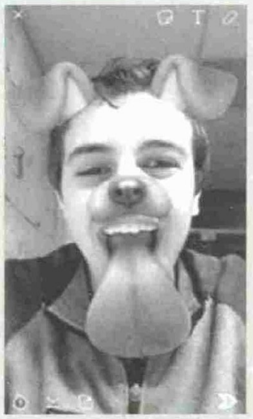
"We really put in a lot of work preparing for Sectionals," Maya Radjenovich, freshman, said. "But after such a close match, we realized we needed to work even harder to improve and not have such a stressful competition."

The Speech team traveled to Fishers High School Mar. 19, and ended up winning first place for their sixth time in the last seven years. They finished with 182 points, beating their Sectional competitor, Chesterton High School, by nearly thirty points.

"Since we lost last year, it was nice to win the title and regain what we started when I was a freshman," Emily said. "It was an emotional moment for all of us seniors."

TEN SECONDS OF FAME

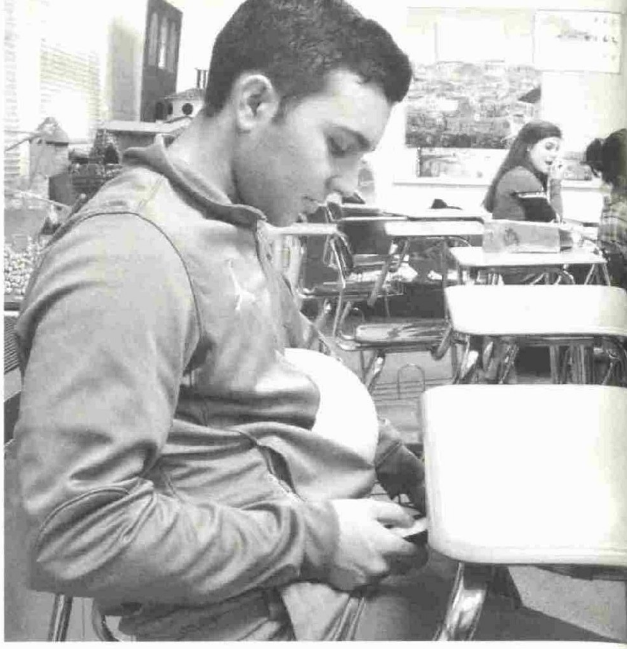
Snapchats' new filters added a unique spark to photos and videos



"I enjoyed the Snapchat filters because they made me look funny."

"I liked keeping the snap streaks with my friends."

"I downloaded Snapchat to send funny pictures back and forth with my friends."



IN THE LIMELIGHT

SOCIAL MEDIA GAVE STUDENTS A CREATIVE OUTLET AS WELL AS A WAY TO PASS TIME

Giving tips on how to perfect your eyeliner, putting outfits together for some summer inspiration and showing where to get some of her top-choice beauty products is something that Diana Ortiz, sophomore, filled her audience in on when she made YouTube videos. After attending numerous castings as a young girl in hopes of becoming an actress, Diana got the inspiration to start her own beauty channel.

"My favorite part about making videos was editing them and having fun in front of the camera," Diana said. "I wanted to get into acting or producing or even do a collaboration with someone else on YouTube."

Diana was not the only student who put themselves out on the internet. Mackenzie Torphy, junior, logged onto Twitter to tweet humorous comments on trends and current events.

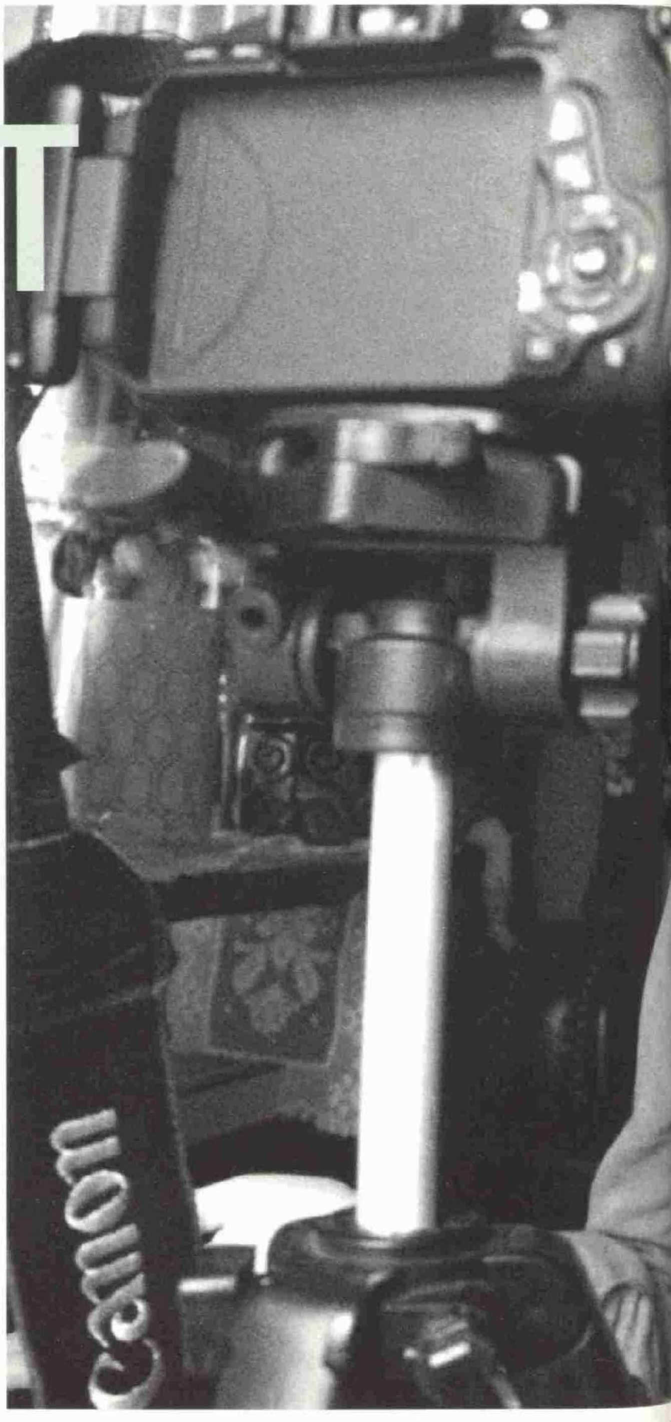
"One of my favorite things to do was make people laugh, so I figured twitter would be a good way to do that," Mackenzie said. "If my stupid tweets made people happy, even for just a few seconds, then I was happy, too."

Through her use of the popular app Vine, Mackenzie found herself becoming friends with people she never would have been given the chance to meet if it wasn't for social media.

"I used a hashtag on one of my vines, and a few funny people started contacting me; over time we became really close friends," Mackenzie said. "Last summer, I got the chance to meet them, which was a lot of fun. We hung out at the beach and made random, funny vines together."

Social media has given students an opportunity to communicate with people around the world and help connect those with common interests in a way that was not available to the prior generations.

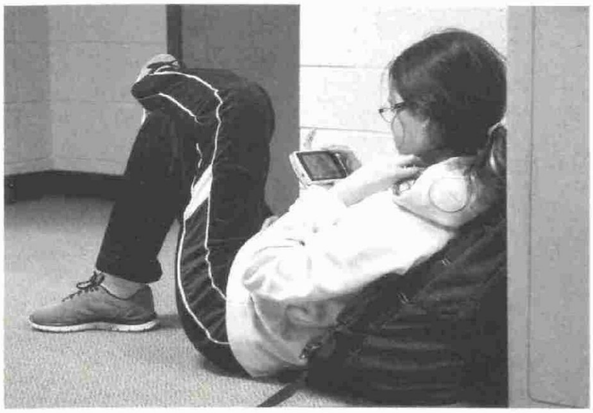
"Adults were always complaining about kids being on social media all the time but I didn't see it as bad thing," Mackenzie said. "Each generation has their interests and our just so happened to be technology. I think it was a cool and easy way to express yourself and to communicate with others."



ONE TWO THREE ACTION As the camera is rolling, Diana Ortiz, sophomore, gives tips on how to fill in eyebrows to her YouTube audience. Diana gained nearly 2,000 views on her videos when since starting her channel. "When doing your eyebrows, always clean up first then lightly start to shape," Diana said. "Never make anything too dark, and always use a spoolie brush."

TEXTING [illegible] Sitting in class before the bell, Peter Kounelis, junior, checks a text message. Students frequently used their phones during the day whether it was allowed or not. "I usually was watching Snapchat stories, texting or on Twitter," Peter said.

LUNCH [illegible] Leaning against a trash can after finishing her lunch early, Ference Mittelberger, sophomore, sits on her phone to pass the time. "I usually read random articles that I found interesting," Ference said.



SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

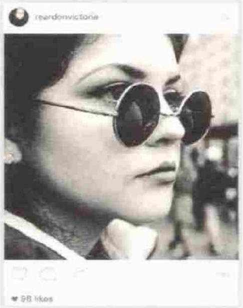
Using social media was an everyday occurrence to some students, with numerous platforms to choose from

44.8%	Of students chose Snapchat as their most used social media platform
48.8%	Of students used social media to connect with and follow friends and family
40.3%	Of students spent 2-3 hours on social media per day
59%	Of students had their social media accounts on private

Source: A survey conducted of 529 students on Google Forms on March 14

SHARING PASSIONS

Instagram was a popular social media app where students could share their photography



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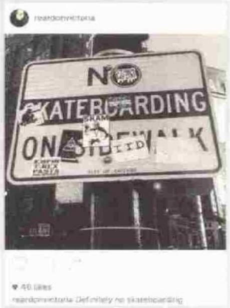

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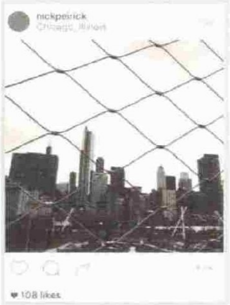
reardonvictoria Definitely no skateboarding

"I took photos and shared them because they helped express the joys of life through every aspect and so I can look back on the memories."



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Chicago, Illinois

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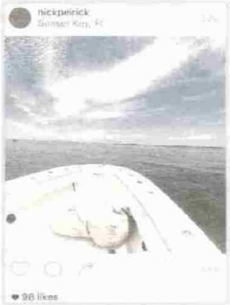

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Sunset Key, Fl

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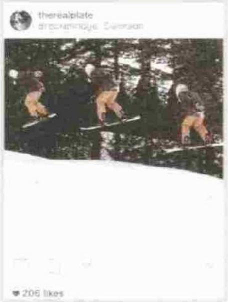
"Photography was a way of capturing moments in time and memories that I enjoyed sharing, and the app Instagram was a perfect venue to share my photos."



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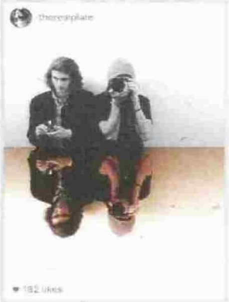

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"I liked the feeling of 'stopping time' with one click. I thought of Instagram as my own personal gallery that everyone in the world could see."

LIVING IN STYLE

WHATEVER THE STYLE, STUDENTS WORE CLOTHING THAT EXPRESSED WHO THEY WERE EVERY DAY

CHANGING STRIPES

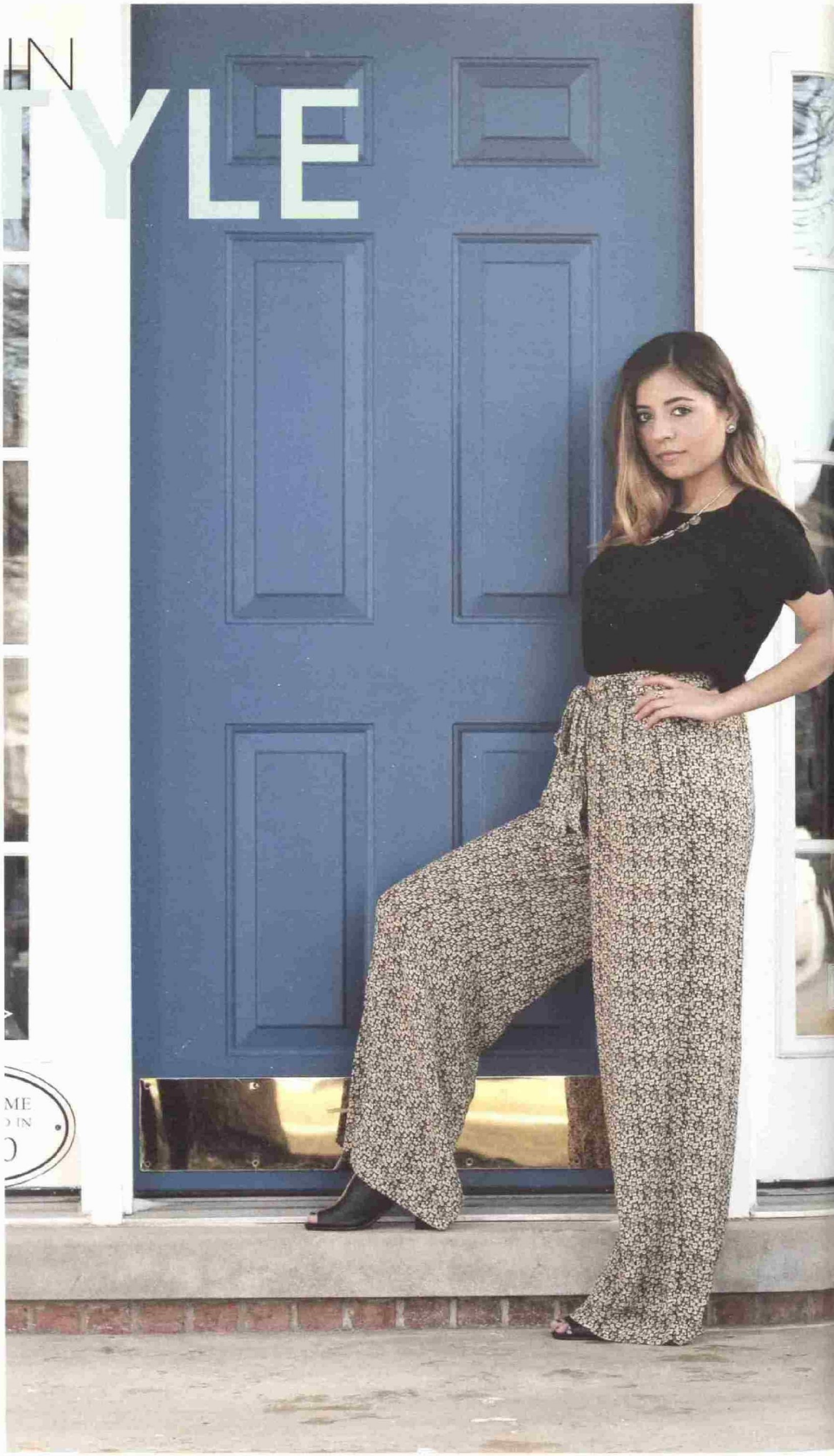
Amidst changes in weather, mood and interests style revolved around more than one aesthetic

Just as seasons changed, so did Esbedia Guzman's, senior, style.

"My style changed all the time," Esbeida said. "It really could have been anything from day to day whether it was classic or vintage or glamorous or edgy."

But most importantly, she tried to feel good in what she wore, according to Esbeida.

"I always tried to be comfortable no matter what I wore because that was when I felt the most like myself," Esbeida said.



STANDING TALL Standing on the porch of her best friend senior Mackenzie Portone's house, Esbeida Guzman, senior wore her favorite outfit. However, this changed day to day because her style was dynamic. "I have never had just one go-to style or outfit because I just alwayds dressed to matched the way I felt that day, but I loved this outfit," Esbeida said.

On Esbedia: Forever 21, Zara and Pandora rings, Zara necklace, Topshop shirt, Urban Outftters pants and Steve Madden booties.

IN THE SOUL

While style created an outward appearance, it also communicated who the person beneath the outfit

Moving from Spain to the United States, Maria Rucinski, sophomore, took her sense of style with her across the pond.

With her biggest style icon being Audrey Hepburn, classic looks reigned over Maria's closet.

"My style is edgy and elegant and different," Maria said. "But my favorite outfit was always something simple and classic like a black turtle neck, a coat, a choker and some nice shoes."

Completing an outfit always came from the inside because it expressed who she was, according to Maria.

"I thought that in a way, your sense of style really showed who you were," Maria said. "No matter where I was at, it stayed the same."

Sitting in a bright red chair, Maria Rucinski, sophomore, found a bright spot in her new home. Much of Maria's home was unpacked because she and her family had just moved in; however, Maria had already put her favorite clothes in her closet. "I think my style works because I can really wear interesting pieces with all of my classic-looking clothing," Maria said.

On Maria: Vintage choker, Vintage Jones New York coat, Pacsun jeans, Paul Green boots

FASHION WEEK IS KIND OF LIKE FINALS WEEK—BUT NOT

The most popular Fashion Week shows take place twice a year, for both autumn and spring collections, in four main cities located across the globe; the following are top design houses who show their shows in the respective cities

NEW YORK

Alexander Wang
Rag & Bone
Rodarte
Proenza Schouler
Marc Jacobs

LONDON

Simone Rocha
Burberry Prorsum
Erdem
Mary Katrantzou
Christopher Kane

MILAN

Giorgio Armani
Roberto Cavalli
Missoni
Salvatore Ferragamo
Bottega Veneta

PARIS

Vetements
Maison Margiela
Loewe
Balenciaga
Louis Vuitton

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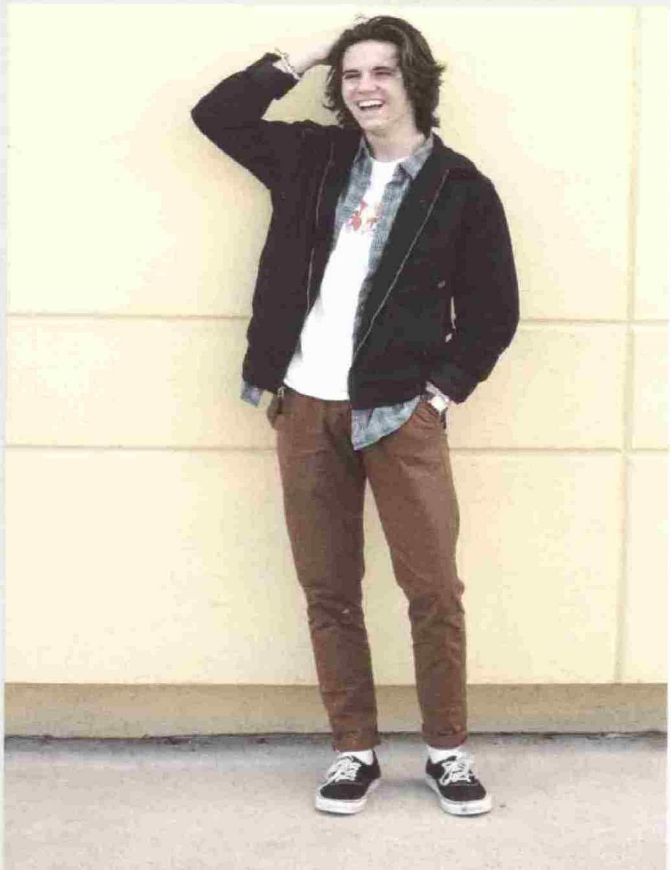
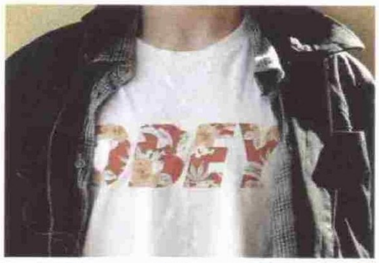




SOMETHING MORE

Fashion was not materialistic, but instead, was a valuable characteristic

Fashion was less about clothing and labels and more about individuality and self-expression, according to Nick Swanson, sophomore.

"(Fashion) symbolized our generation," Nick said. "It symbolized who we were as individuals."

Nick's outfits reflected his mood and surroundings.

"Every day, I woke up and picked out what I would wear from my closet," Nick said. "When I did that, I showed who I was that day through what I wore."

YELLOW WALLPAPER Standing in front of a bank in Downtown Highland, Nick Swanson, sophomore, laughed. While Nick was not always vocal about who he was or what he thought, his outfit gave a glimpse into who he was. "My outfit was a form of self-expression for me when I wasn't as expressive otherwise," Nick said.

On Nick: Obey t-shirt, Ruca flannel, Volcom bomber, Levi pants, Vans sneakers and a Fossil watch.

FACING THE MUSIC

USING HER VOICE, SIERRA HELTON, SOPHOMORE, AUDITIONED FOR TALENT COMPETITIONS

While most people spent their birthdays throwing a party or going out to dinner with friends, Sierra Helton, sophomore, spent her sixteenth birthday at Navy Pier crowded around about 4,000 people auditioning to be on *The Voice*, a TV show on NBC that showcased competitors' singing talents.

"The coolest part of the whole experience was just sitting around the arena with all these people wanting the same thing as I did," Sierra said. "I got to know so many new people just waiting to audition for a couple hours."

Being one of the first hundred people to show up for her audition, Sierra managed to cut her wait in line even more when she was the first to volunteer to sing in front of the entire group of people.

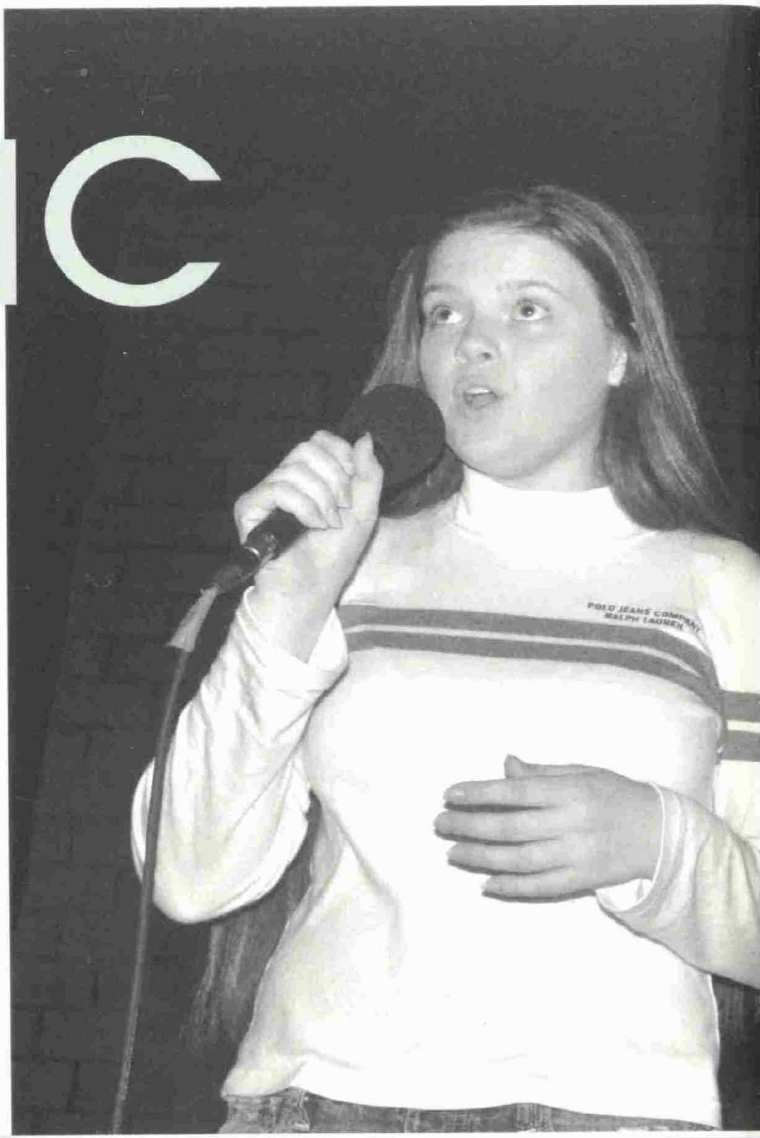
"The season six winner came out, sang for us and then offered up the microphone to anyone who wanted to get to the front of the audition line," Sierra said. "My hand shot up so fast, and I was picked to sing in front of a thousand people. Everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to me."

Shortly after Sierra auditioned, the judges asked her to stay at Navy Pier for a few more hours to sing again. However, the wait was nothing compared to another audition experience she had with *American Idol*, another popular competitive singing TV show, according to Sierra.

"(For *American Idol*), I waited outside in August from 3 a.m. to 11 a.m.," Sierra said. "Once we got in, it only took half an hour, and I was done."

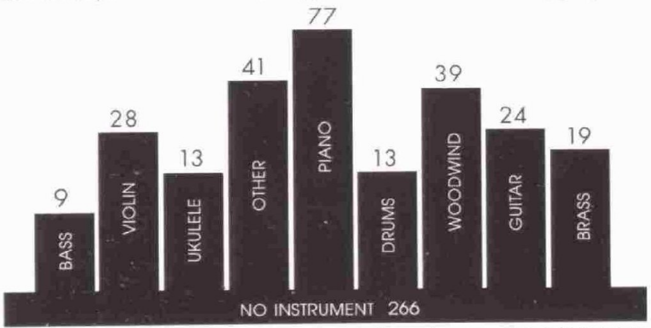
Though her audition for *American Idol* did not go through, Sierra was one of the very few people to receive a "maybe" callback from *The Voice*, which sometimes ended up getting called back two seasons later.

"Whether I ever make a show or not, the auditions were an unforgettable experience," Sierra said. "My day spent auditioning for *The Voice* was not only the best birthday I've ever had, but it was the best day of my life."

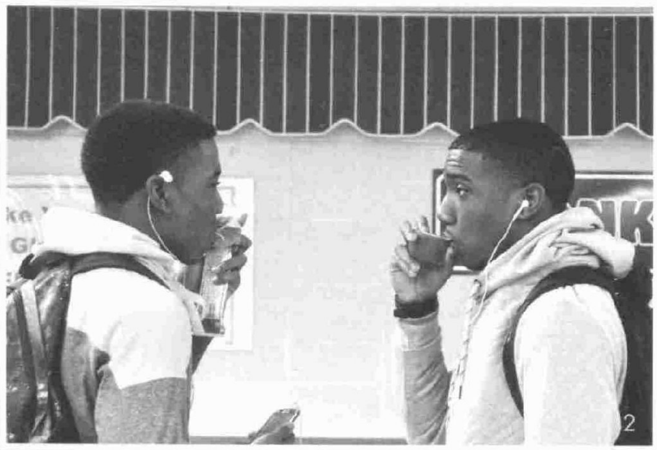


THE SOUND OF MUNSTER

In a survey of 529 students, they put what instruments they played



Source: A survey conducted of 529 students on Google Forms on March 14



1. FRONT & CENTER Singing into the microphone, Sierra Helton, sophomore, practices her vocals before going to choir practice on the stage of the auditorium. Sierra's favorite songs to sing included Whitney Houston and Beyonce. "I took vocal lessons and even started taking dance practices," Sierra said. "I started working with a label producer, and I think being able to sing and dance would be the best way to start off in that industry."

2. TUNE IN THE MORNING While eating breakfast in the cafeteria in the morning, freshmen Toriq and Tyriq Andrews listen to some music before the first bell rings. "Listening to music in the morning was a good way to chill before class started," Toriq said.

3. A BELLADONNA BANGER Performing at the Royal Skateshop, seniors Jerry Jacinto and Brett Butler and Nic Blackstone performs with his band, Belladonna. The band performed in various venues around the region, as well as in Battle of the Bands. "We normally had like two to three gigs a month," Jerry said. "We tried to get around as much as we could, and we started making an album."

4. THE KEYS TO SUCCESS With his band 3 Hunks in a Basement, Alex Weakland, sophomore, plays the piano as they practice for Battle of the Bands. "I think a lot of people kind of overlook the piano as an instrument in a band," Alex said. "It's a really beautiful instrument, and rockstars have always used it in the past."

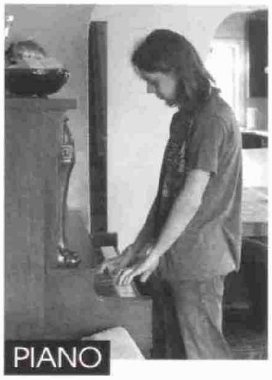
5. ACOUSTIC MAGIC Strumming her guitar, Jillian Dixon, sophomore, practices on her own time. Jill tried out for *The Voice* and performed twice a week at open mic nights in the area. "I tried to stay involved in performing at all times," Jill said. "I loved the feeling I got when I was on stage, whether it was a large crowd, like one I performed of in front of in Nashville, or a small one."

A MAN OF MANY

Ethan Stewart, freshman, picked up his first instrument at fifteen years old and learned seven more within the last year

MANDOLIN

"It was a lot of fun to play. I came across a video of Jimmy Page (guitarist of Led Zeppelin) playing it, and thought it looked like a unique instrument that I wanted to try myself."



PIANO

"For piano, I always felt at peace with everything that I could play. It made me feel the most chill, and it just was a beautful instrument."

BASS GUITAR

"The best part of playing bass was the powerful feeling I got from it. The low sound– you felt every note that you played, and it gave every other sound a giant jolt of power and a backbone."

ACOUSTIC GUITAR

"Playing the guitar wa my favorite instrument because of the variety I could get– all the different sounds and stuff I could play on it. I spent the most time learning it myself."

Source: Ethan Stewart, freshman

THIS PAST SEASON

Munster Theatre Company's fall plays The Election and Too Fabulous to Fail premiered this past fall

THE ELECTION

Directed by juniors David Green and Elliot Fuhs

After Presley High School's current student body president, is forced to step down due to improper conduct, Mark Davenport (Nick Heppner-Lundin) runs against Christy Martin (Kaitlyn McHale). This comedy takes a not so serious look at the high school election process, and how fast things can change.

TOO FABULOUS TO FAIL

Directed by seniors Camille Jancosek and Jamie McDowell

An aspiring actress from a small town in Iowa, Carly Jackson (Peyton Tinder) arrives in New York City to pursue her goal of performing on Broadway. Working as a secretary, things take a turn for the worse, a love interest doesn't go her way and the story is filled with never-ending plot twists.

Source: munaud.org

BEFORE THE SHOW BEGINS

KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIVE, MUNSTER THEATRE COMPANY CONTINUES SPIRIT CIRCLE BEFORE EACH SHOW

Backstage, before the spotlights turned on, actors and actresses ran around searching for costume pieces, made last minute adjustments and warmed up. There was only one moment where the nerves and chaos were pushed aside—the Spirit Circle.

"Spirit Circle takes place about a half hour before the show starts and everyone meets in the makeup room," Camille Jancosek, senior said. "The spirit leaders clap into character, pull down spirits, and get everyone pumped up."

Spirit Leaders were two seniors who were chosen as juniors by seniors the previous year. This year, seniors Peyton Tinder and Anna Bilse were the spirit leaders.

"Spirit Circle began when the Theatre Company and drama club joined together," Peyton said.

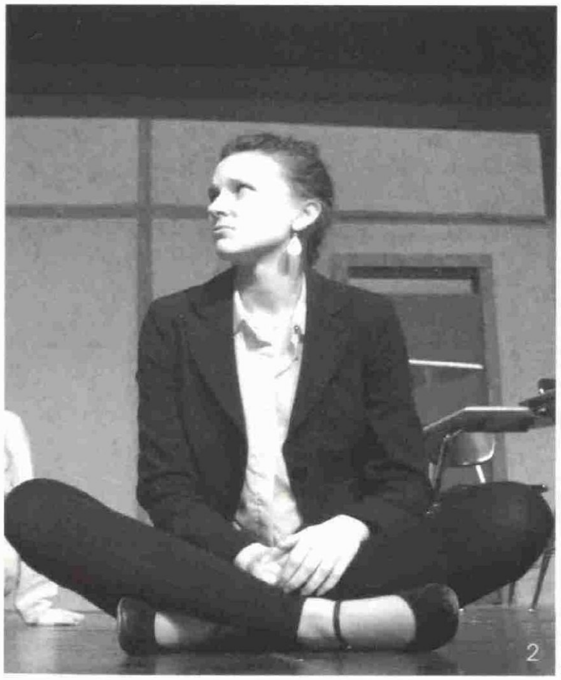
Being given the honor of leading the Spirit Circle, the seniors had the responsibility of getting other members' ready.

"We lead the spirit circle by getting everyone pumped up and motivated and turned into 'special guests' that could be famous people or people we knew, and we gave a little speech as the characters."

According to Anna, what happened in the spirit circle stays in the Spirit Circle. Traditions take place and speeches are given, and it is the Spirit Leader's job to get everyone ready for the show.

"On the last night of the spring musical, Cinderella, Peyton and I handed down the job of being Spirit Leaders to two other theater members," Anna said. "It was an emotional but exciting time."

IN THE CIRCLE Before the novice show *The Election*, juniors Ella Speckhard and Alyssa DeJoan, sings in the Spirit Circle. Music was playing in the background and all the cast members were getting psyched for the show, according to Ella. "There's a lot of singing along going on in the Spirit Circle before the show because a lot of us theatre kids are in choir too," Ella said.



1. DO WHAT YOU LOVE Directing the fall play *Too Fabulous To Fail*, Camille Jancosek, senior stands next to choreographer Lane Terry, junior. Seniors Camille Jancosek and Jamie McDowell were the student director for this year's fall play. "I was explaining to Lane the things she needs to know in the show, and watching for things while running rehearsals," Camille said.

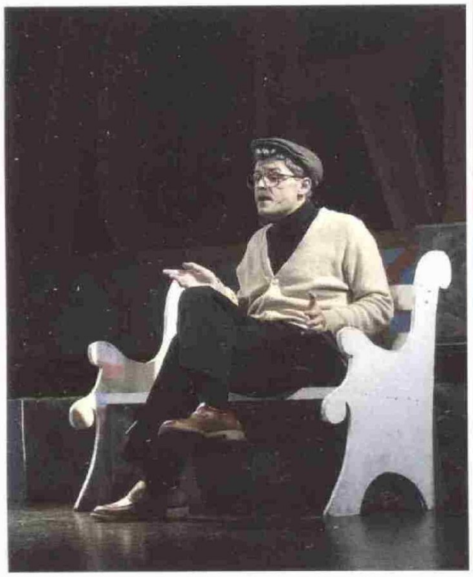
2. FABULOUS AND FAILING In the play Too *Fabulous To Fail*, Peyton Tinder, senior, faces arrest for embezzlement. Disappointment on her face, she saw her best friend run off with a man who was secretly the CEO of a large investment firm. "It felt really satisfying to play someone like Carly because she said what we are all thinking most of the time," Peyton said.

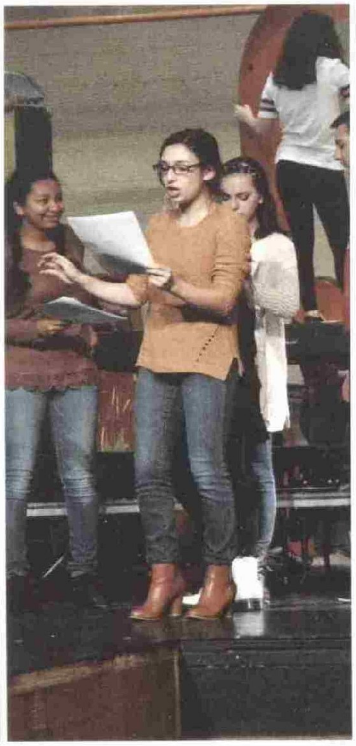
3. ROLES IN THE POLLS Playing the role of a news reporter and mediator for school debates during the fall play *The Election*, Ally Shinkan, sophomore, stirred up drama on stage. "I added all of the drama between the two candidates running for student body president," Ally said. "I was the instigator throughout all of it."

4. HELPFUL HANDS Backstage, Anna Bilse, senior, helps prepare other actresses for the shows. "In the shows where i am unable to be a role on the actual stage, I am able to step in and fulfill the much needed and run role as stylist behind the scenes," Anna said.

WORK, WORK, WORK Practicing for *Working*, Ani Arzumanian, junior, rehearses her lines for her character. The musical was set in New York City and Ani played a waitress. "I loved being able to embody somebody so similar to myself personality wise," Ani said. "Rehearsals were not stressful until the week before when everything had to come together so fast."

BENCHING IT Sitting on the bench while acting for the musical *Working*, Matt Travis, junior, spoke towards the audience. According to Matt, this was his first lead role in theater. "I really enjoyed this musical and my character because it was about the realities of American's lives," Matt said.





TAKING A BOW

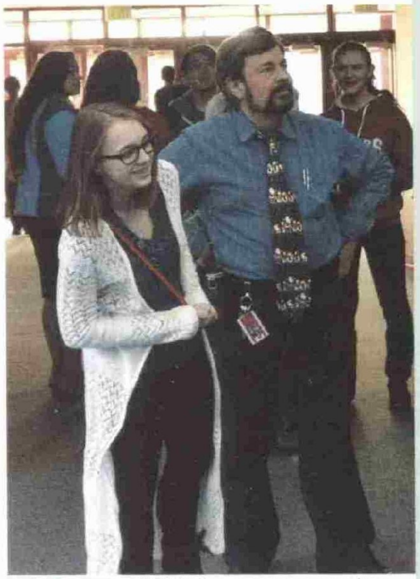
Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Staff Director, retires from the Munster Theatre Company after 18 years

With 40 years of production on his back, Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Staff Director, drew the final curtain for his profession and retired. Dr. Brechner came to Munster High School in 1998.

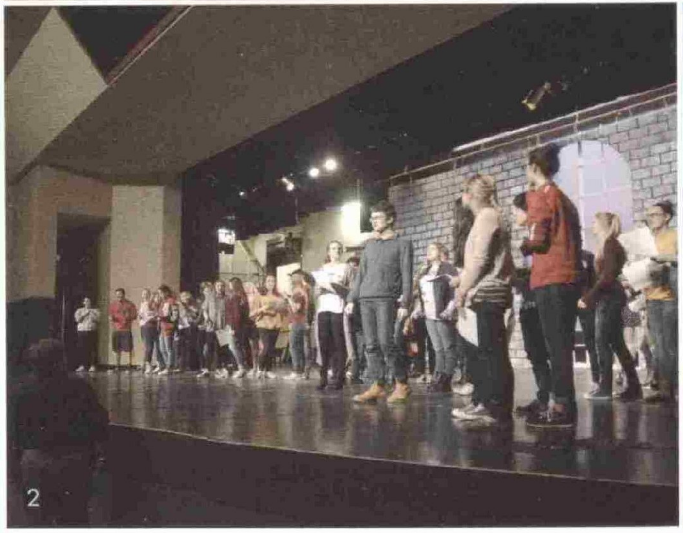
"The Munster Theatre Company will not be the same without him," Silvia Lombardo, sophomore, said. "Dr. Brechner was very relaxed and always funny."

Dr. Brechner was nominated to the Thespian Hall of Fame for directors who have worked over 20 years in educational theater. When asked to recall a favorite memory from the past 18 years in production, he was hesitant.

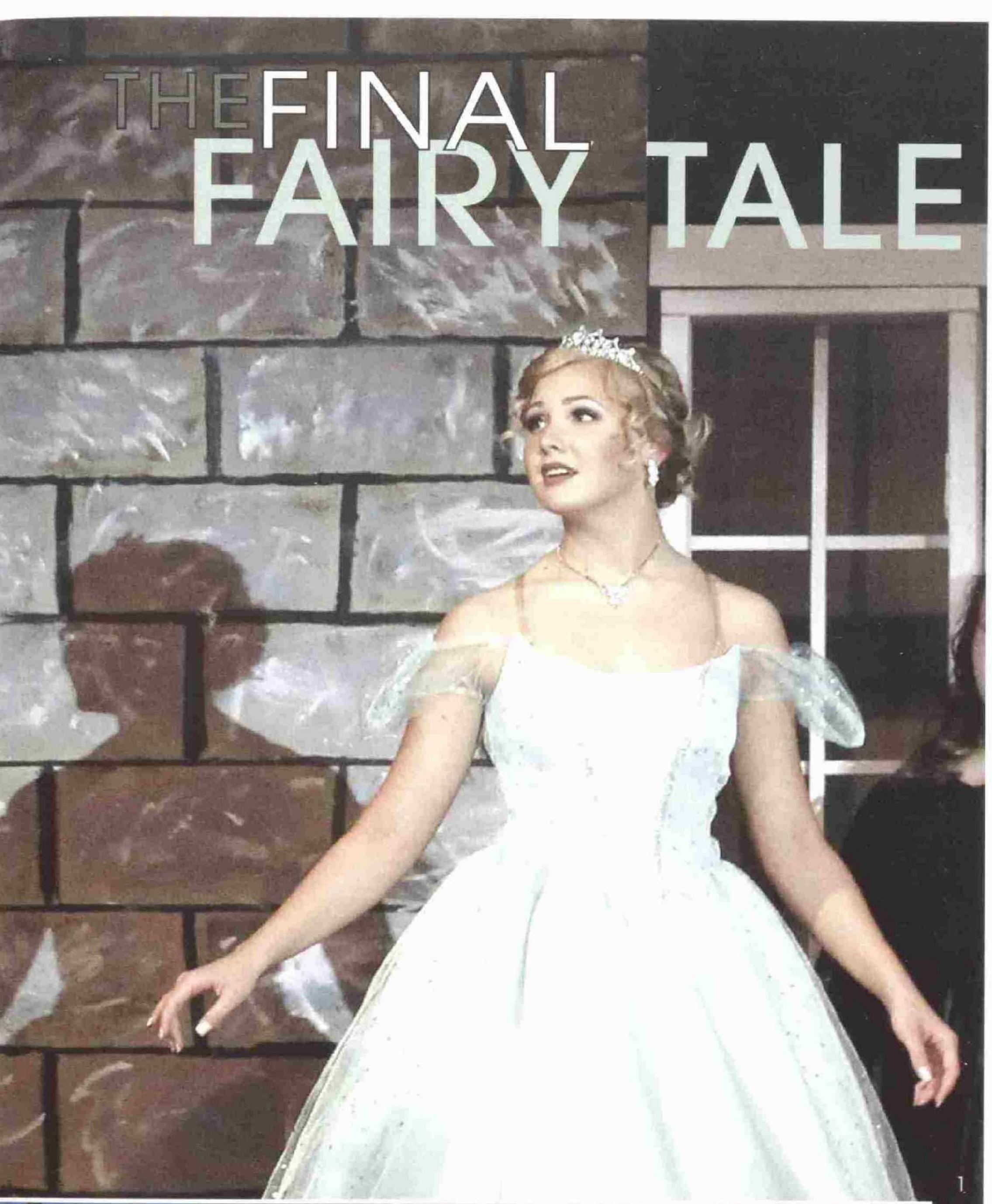
"There is no typical day for what I do, it was always such an experience," Dr. Brechner said. "I'll mostly miss the kids and the feeling of a new show being put on, I just absolutely love what I do."



ONE LAST TIME With his last semester approaching, Dr. Larry Brechner, Auditorium Staff Director, and Camille Jancosek, senior, admires the annual Christmas tree set up at the end of first semester. Along with other annual activities, Dr. Brechner took part in them all. "Working for so long here, it would be considerably hard to recall a possible favorite day," Dr. Brechner said.



THE FINAL FAIRY TALE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SENIORS TREY DELUNA AND ANNA BILSE PLAYED LEAD ROLES IN THEIR LAST HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

How was it playing Cinderella and Prince Charming?

"Playing Prince Charming was really exciting but nerve racking, I wanted to live up to everyone's expectations."
- Trey Deluna, senior

"Playing Cinderella was probably one of the best experiences for me. I have always been in love with Disney, so it was literally a dream come true."
- Anna Bilse, senior

Was it sentimental or surreal doing this musical since it was your last musical?

"It was sentimental as it was my last performance of high school, but I knew I'd be doing many shows in the future."- Trey

"I was so emotional during final curtain call, I cried during the last song." -Anna

What was your favorite moment during Cinderella?

"My favorite moment of the show was seeing all the dancing, singing and acting all come together." - Trey

"Being able to work with my closest friends on stage and after *Cinderella* being able to see the young little princesses after each show." - Anna

What will you miss from theater?

"I will miss the people who I have gotten to know and who I've become friends with." - Trey

"What I will take the most from theater was being taught it's okay and fantastic to be your own person." - Anna

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1. MAGIC MOMENT Walking towards each other during the musical, seniors Trey Deluna and Anna Bilse, both play main characters, Prince Charming and Cinderella. The musical was a four day production that was based on the classic princess love story. "Everyone thinks they know what Prince Charming was like, so I tried to portray the character in the best way," Trey said.

2. ALL IN THIS TOGETHER Standing off to the right side waiting for her cast mates to finish their lines, Ella Speckhard, junior, watches the practice of *Cinderella*. *Cinderella* was the last major musical of the school year. "This play was enjoyable because it was something new for me," Ella said.

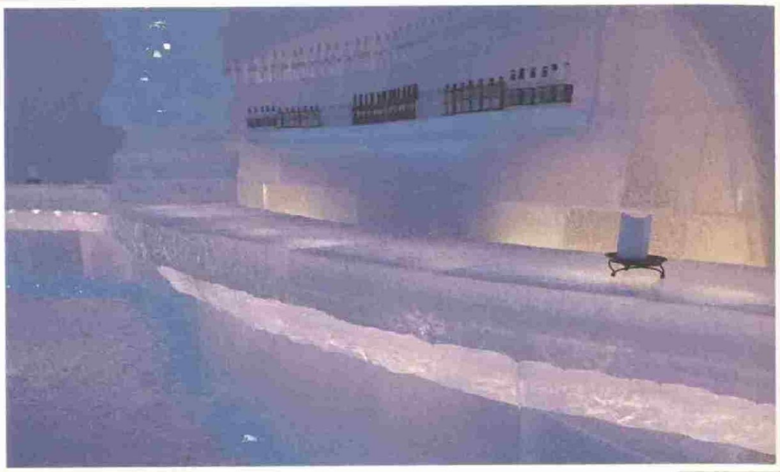
3. ONE DANCE Holding hands as they wait for *Cinderella* to enter the ball, seniors Trey Deluna and Claire LeMonnier were share a dance together. According to Trey, this was a funny scene to perform. "During the actual performance I just tried to enjoy what I was doing and be in the moment," Trey said.

4. OUT OF CHARACTER Playing the evil step mother and step sister, Alyssa DeJoan, junior, and Claire LeMonnier, senior, frown dramatically as they got into character. According to both girls, they enjoyed playing parts that were out of character. "I had fun playing a bad guy because I got to get frustrations out on stage," Claire said. "I got to yell and just be super mean which is something I'm not used to, so it was fun to flip around like that."

MOMENTS AROUND THE GLOBE

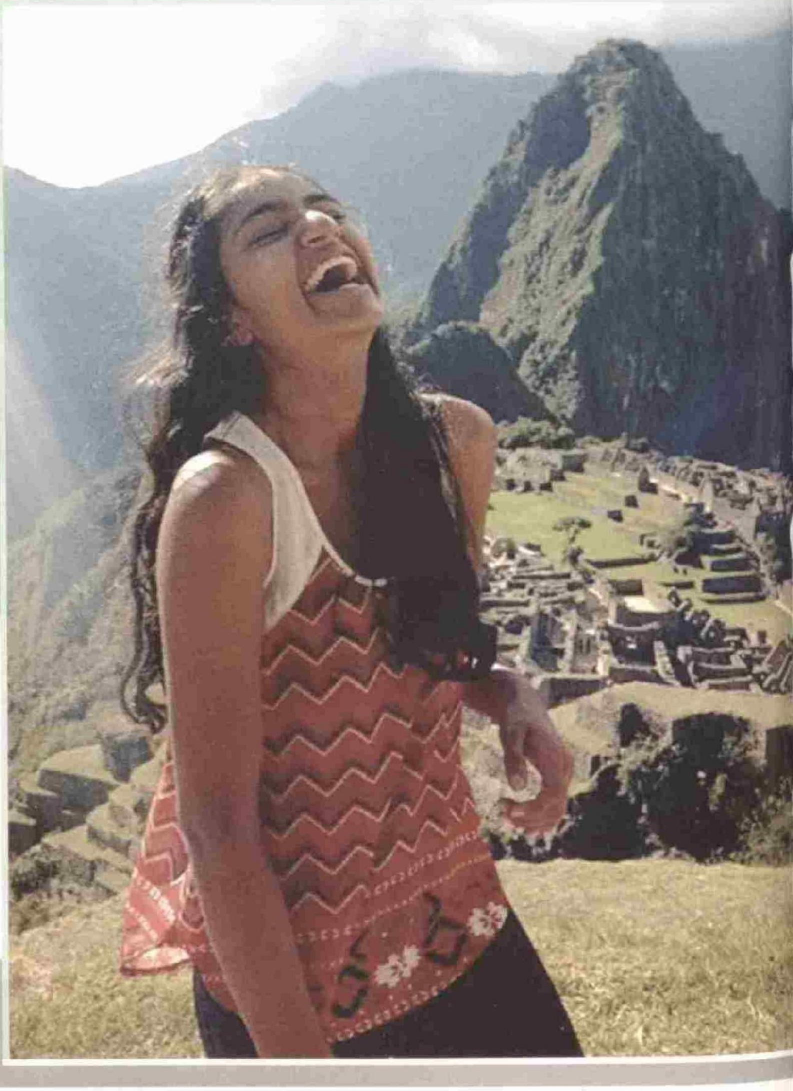
STUDENTS SPENT THEIR TIME OFF SCHOOL TRAVELING THE WORLD AND SHARED PHOTOS OF THEIR EXPERIENCES

- **NAME:** Savannah Sharpe, freshman
- **DESTINATION:** Rovaniemi, Finland and Paris, France
- **PURPOSE:** Family vacation
- **ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE:**
  - Went on a dog sled ride and stayed at the ice hotel in Finland
  - Visited the Eiffel Tower
  - Had macaroons for the first time
- **FAVORITE PART:**
  "They were extremely traditional in Finland with their culture and landmarks. Paris, it was surprising to see all the pastry shops. When we had dinner at the ice hotel, literally everything was made of ice—even the plates we ate off of at dinner were made of ice."

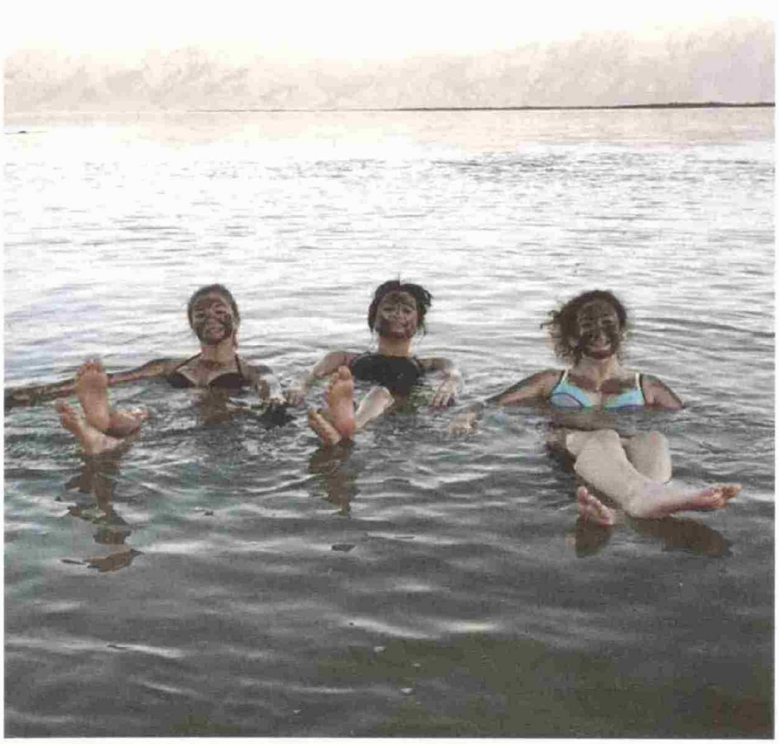


DINNER'S ON ICE Spending a night in an ice hotel, Savannah Sharpe, freshman, takes a picture of the restaurant her family dined in that night. "Everything in the restaurant and hotel was made of ice," Savannah said. "All of the plates and glasses they served on were so cold, but it was so unique and cool."

- **NAME:** Hansa Vavilava, sophomore
- **DESTINATION:** Andahuaylas, Peru
- **PURPOSE:** To volunteer and explore
- **ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE:**
  - Volunteered for Q'eward, an intiative that employs dis-advantaged women to make dolls to foster self-esteem
  - Helped teach at a preschool
  - Biked, hiked Machu Pichu and visited Aguas Calientes
- **FAVORITE PART:**
  "I loved making a lot of close friends and experiencing the Peruvian culture."

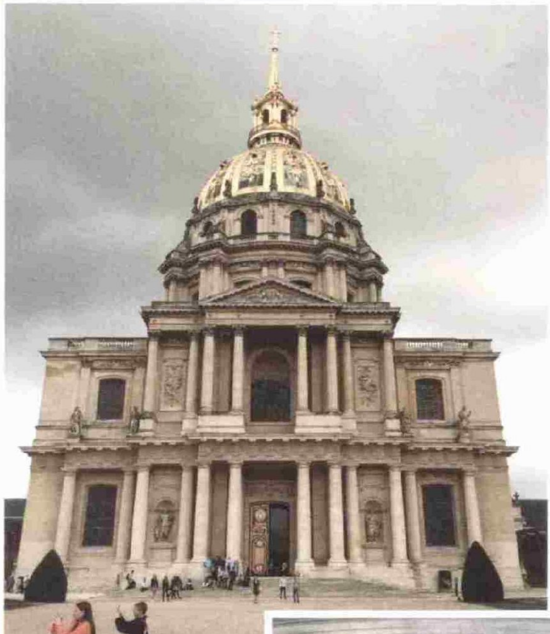


ON TOP OF THE WORLD After taking a bus ride up Machu Pichu, Hansa Vavilava, sophomore, relaxes with a laugh. The journey took about 2 hours to explore the sun temple and see the city. "We didn't climb it all the way because that would have taken a few days, but it was exhilarating being so high up in a place I'd only seen on postcards– like it wasn't real."



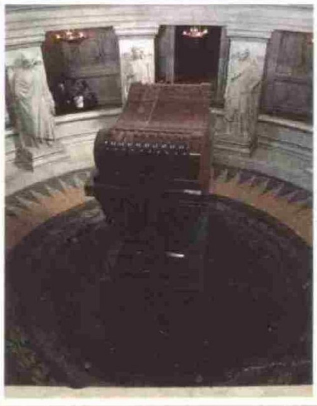
- **NAME:** Eli Nirenburg, freshman, & Katie Dedelow, sophomore
- **DESTINATION:** Tel Aviv, Acre, Jerusalem, Haifa
- **PURPOSE:** Trip with Jewish Youth Group, Partnership2gether
- **ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE:**
  - Saw the Western wall
  - Climbed Mount Masada
  - Swam in the Dead Sea
  - Hiked through the Rosh Hanikra grottos
- **FAVORITE PART:**
  ""I got to see Israel and connect with my Jewish faith. I also got to meet new people and see some of my friends." (Eli)
- **MOST MEMORABLE PART:**
  "Well, originally we were going to stay in Nahariya, but a few missiles fell in the the town while we were on the plane, so we had to stay in a different village to be safe." (Katie)

JUST FLOATIN' AROUND With mud covering her face, Katie Dedelow, sophomore, (left) floats in the Dead Sea with some of her friends in her Partnership2gether group. "It was beautiful to just float around with these mountains surrounding us, and the water was so blue" Katie said. "You automatically began to float once you got waist high because it was so buoyant."

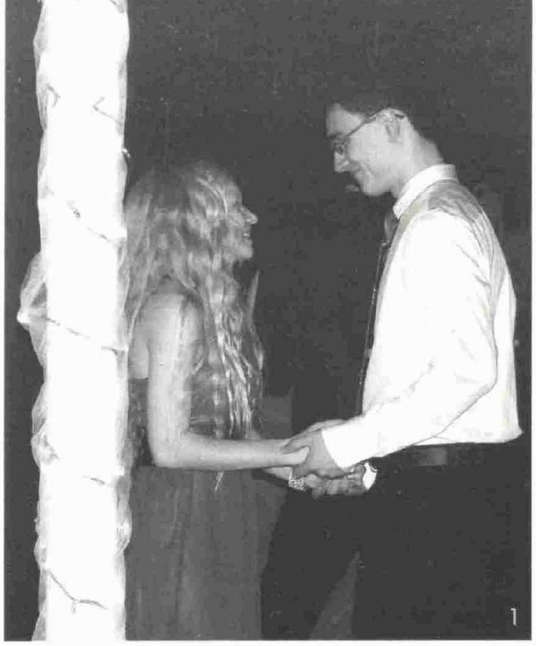


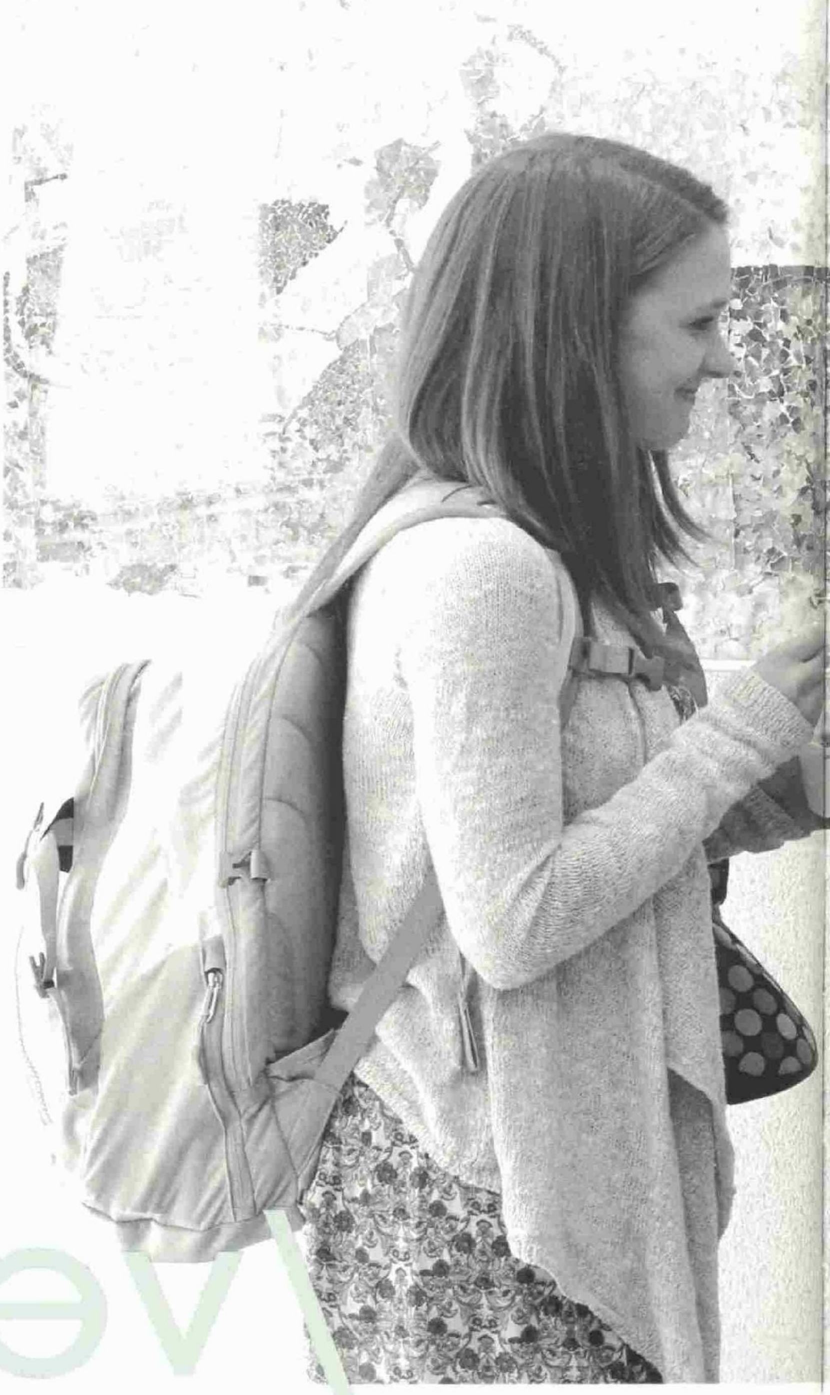
- **NAME:** Frank Wolf, freshman
- **DESTINATION:** Paris, France; London and Oxford, England
- **PURPOSE:** Family vacation
- **ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE:**
  - Saw the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and the French Open
  - Biked through Loire Valley and saw chateaus and castles in France.
  - Saw the beaches of D-Day and battle sites
  - Took a train under the English Channel where he saw the Eye and the Big Ben
- **FAVORITE PART:**
  "I enjoyed the food in France and England. You could just go to one of the little cafes that line a busy street and get something really nice and fresh to eat, rather than like a bag of chips."

WHEN IN FRANCE Standing outside of the Napoleon House, Frank Wolf, freshman, takes a picture of the large buildig in Paris where Napoleon was buried. "The building was so grand and ornate," Frank said. "It was astonishing to see in person."



A PIECE OF HISTORY Visiting the building where Napoleon was buried, Frank Wolf, freshman snaps a picture of the casket. "(The casket) was huge," Frank said. "Everything about the inside of the building was so traditional and cultural. It felt really special to be so close to a man who we learn about in our history classes."





WHAT IS \ˈləv\

AGE, SEXUALITY AND GRADE DID NOT DEFINE LOVE, BUT RATHER, CHARACTER DID

For the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, love has a simple definition: a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person. However, humans held the power to mold their own definition.

"He was really funny, but it wasn't like we immediately started liking each other," Megan said. "We had biology class together, and we started talking every day... I was just happy to be with him."

Elian and Megan Wolski, sophomore, have been dating for four months. After only a few months, they knew they were in love with each other, according to Elian and Megan.

"It was during the summer (when I knew I loved Megan)," Elian Magaña, sophomore, said. "It was around 9pm, the sun was going down and we were just taking my dogs for a walk. It just felt like everything was finally alright."

"He was my best friend," Kelli Webb, senior said. "And I loved him. To me, loving him Ryan (Larimer, senior) was caring about him no matter what had happened."

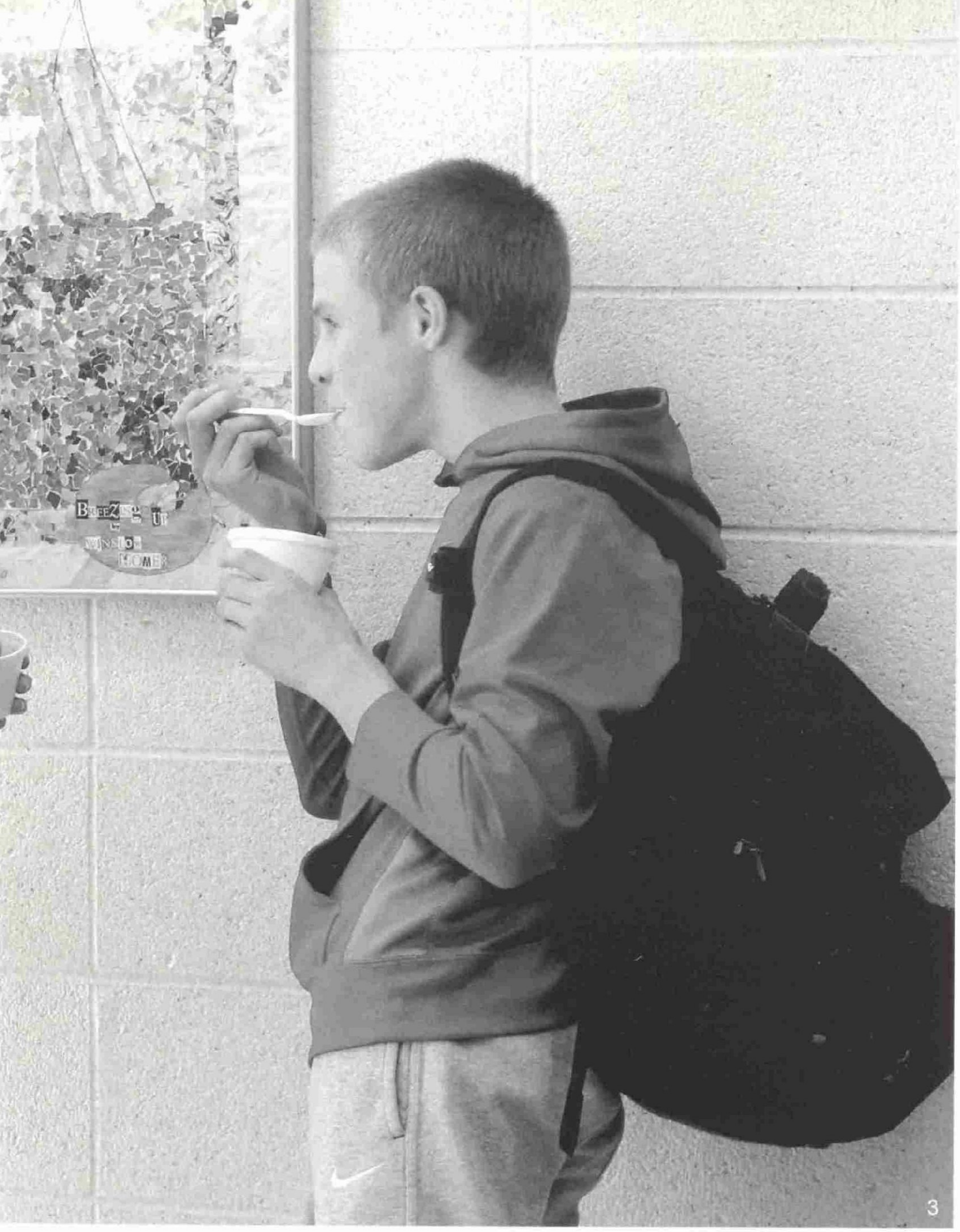
Kelli and Ryan have been dating for five years. They told each other that they loved each other in middle school, but it did not carry meaning until much later—when they realized found each other for a reason, according to Kelli and Ryan.

"I found someone that makes me happy... I am happy when I make (Kelli) happy," Ryan said.

"To me, love is acceptance," Dustin Crull, senior, said. "I think everyone has wrinkles in their personality. I think everyone has faults. And I think it takes a very important person to look over that or accept it or even work with it."

Dustin and Dylan Bugaski, senior, have been dating for nearly three years. Their love grew slowly, as they began being friends in gym during freshman year, according to Dustin. Now, while their favorite place to go together is Gayetey's, they could be in any place and be happy—together, according to Dylan.

"He connected with me in a way that nobody ever did before," Dylan said. "Each little wrinkle in his personality fits in perfectly with mine."



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1. A SHARED MOMENT Looking into each other's eyes, sophomores Kelsey Pappas and Joe Row talked to each other while their friends danced at Turnabout. Joe and Kelsey enjoyed spending time together. "My favorite part of the dance wasn't even the dance," Joe said. "I loved eating sushi and playing Fallout 4 afterwards together."

2. PUPPY LOVE Just after their lunch hour, sophomores JC Gerber and Taylor Homans leaned against lockers. The couple often hung out together in and outside of school. "It was nice to be able to talk during school, even if it was for a few minutes," JC said.

3. ALL SMILES Eating the cafeteria frozen yogurt, sophomores Colin O'Brien and Emma Harvath talked smiles at each other. Because of their busy schedules, they liked to hang out as much as possible in school. "We have homework and stuff, so it was nice because we get to see each other throughout the day," Colin said.

GOING PUBLIC

PDA, public display of affection, is discussed

"I didn't really care about it—it didn't really affect me."

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"I didn't really mind it if it wasn't too intense."

[illegible]

"Some people just took it too far."

[illegible]

"I liked it."

[illegible]

"I thought PDA was ok as long as it wasn't over-the-top."

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"PDA was just kind of awkward."

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"It was disgusting. I didn't really need to see someone kissing someone else on the wall when I was trying to go to class."

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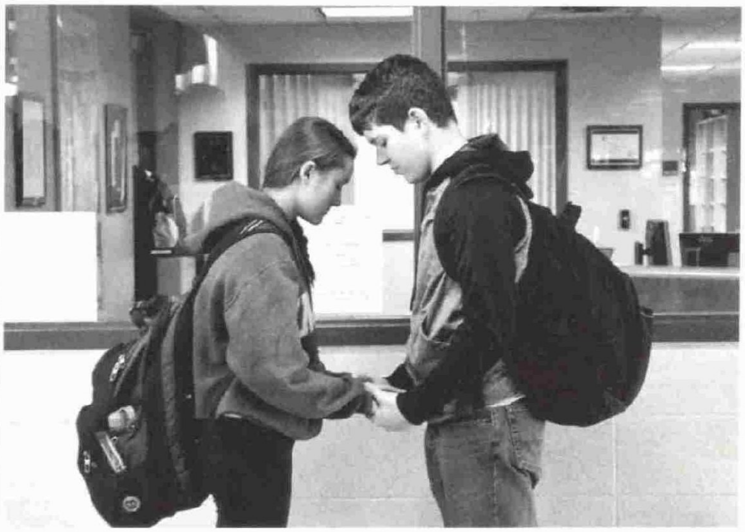


HAND IN HAND Walking hand in hand, sophomores Alex Campbell and Eric Wallace laughed. Even though they were in school, they still enjoyed each other's company. "He made me laugh, so it was a nice break from school," Alex said.

TWO PEAS IN A POD As they stood in front of the main office windows, Nicole Jen, freshman and Ben Shelton, sophomore, held hands. To this couple, school was an important time to talk about the stresses of the day. "Talking to him everyday was a bright part of being at school all day long," Nicole said.

HELPING HANDS

STUDENTS DEDICATED THEIR TIME TO VOLUNTEERING WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALLY

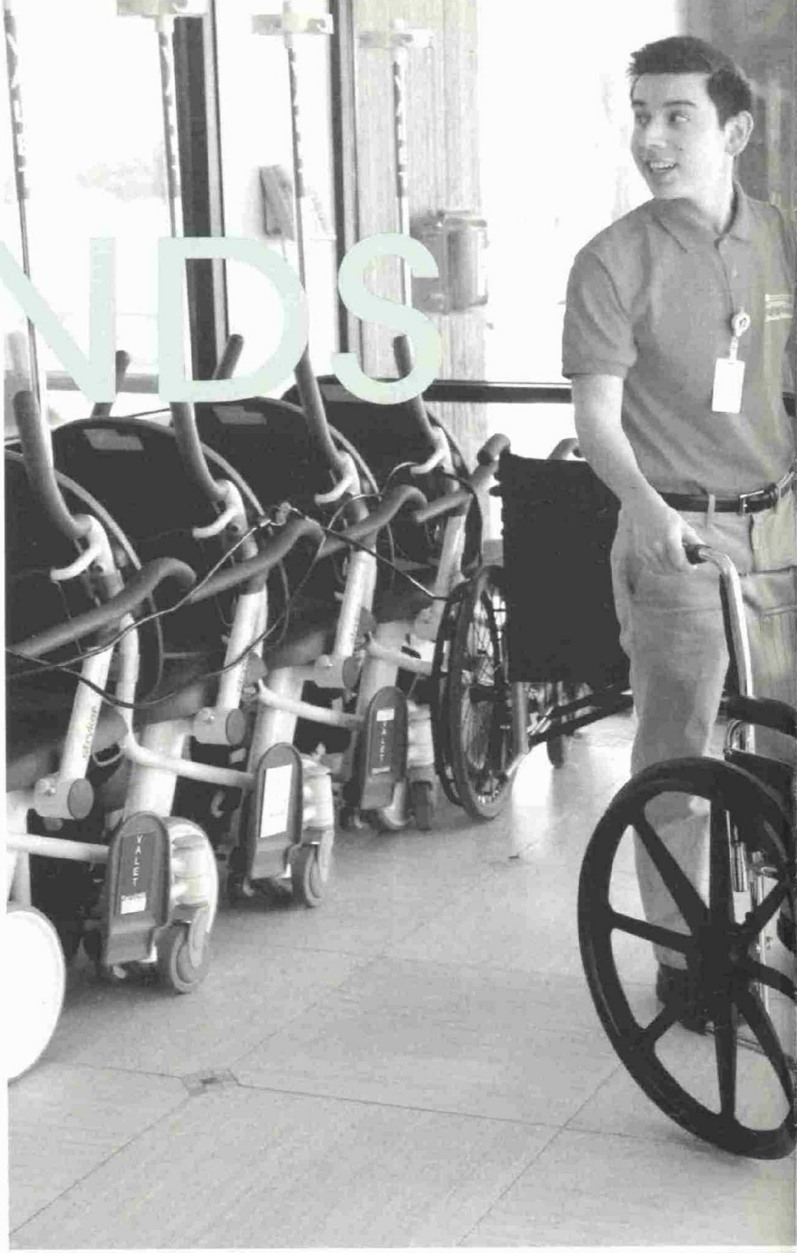
While some were in different countries and others were right here in Munster, they all had the same goal: to help those in need. Sisters Maddie Foley, junior, and Olivia Foley, sophomore, went to Guatemala this past summer in July through the organization Hearts In Motion, with their whole family. According to Maddie, the trip was very positive and humbling.

"Everything was just super different. The food, the people, it was such a cool experience to help out everyone that just needed basic necessities," Maddie said. According to Olivia, being in a foreign country did not cause culture shock or a huge lack of communication. With three years of Spanish, she was able to briefly speak back and forth to natives.

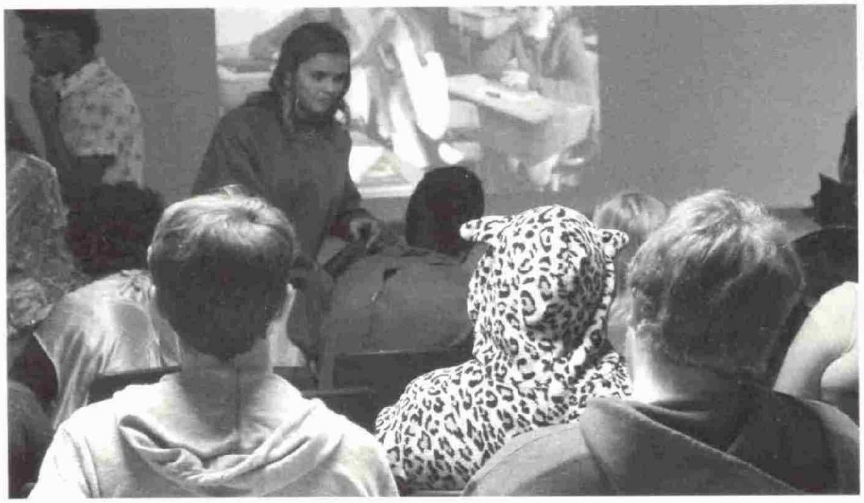
"When we got to Guatemala, the barrier was present but it wasn't as big of a deal as I thought. So since I speak a little Spanish I could make connections with people," Olivia said. "The trip overall was the best experience I've ever had. It made me realize how lucky we are with our lifestyles, but it also made me appreciate the things we often complain about."

Locally however, Fred Beckham, senior, volunteered at Community Hospital on Saturday mornings. Delivering flowers and working at the front desk, it was a positive experience, according to Fred.

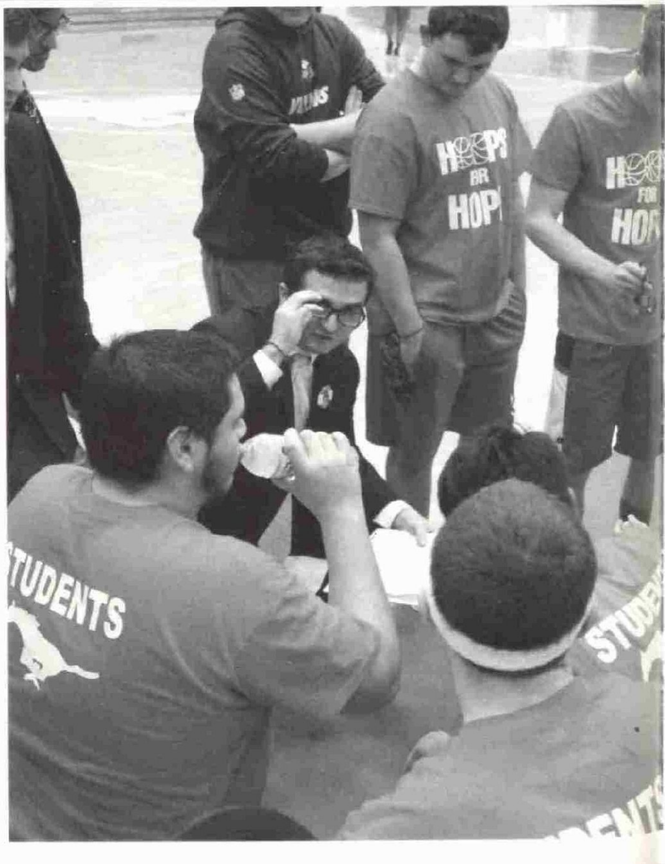
"I stayed professional even when people came in with high emotions, since it is a hospital," Fred said. "But overall I loved volunteering there not only for my own sake of helping people, but because it was helpful for my future in interpersonal relations."



HOSPITAL HELP Working at Community Hospital every Saturday morning, Fred Beckham, senior, volunteered his time to working the front desk. Apart from experience, he loved helping people, according to Fred. "It's a great experience in general," Fred said. "I love offering positivity to emotional patients who need that smile."



MOVIE BUDDIES Around Halloween, Haley Collison tends to her buddy at the Best Buddies Halloween party. The club watched Hocus Pocus while in dressed in costumes. "I just loved doing activities with my buddy," Haley said. "This party was specifically fun because everyone was dressed up and festive."



HOOPFUL Honored to be apart of the Hoops For Hope student faculty basketball game, Yiorgo Karnezis, senior, volunteers to help the organization by coaching. The Riley's Children's Hospital was a cause the team helped. "We obligated to put on a good show," Yiorgo said. "The real goal was raising money for the organization."

FOR THE LOVE OF PAPER Picking up the recycling from classrooms, Ruhani Sansoya, senior, dumps the papers into the big bin. Project X picked up recycling every Wednesday throughout the school, as well as contributing numerous volunteer hours, according to Ruhani. "I love Project X because I love helping people," Ruhani said. "Not only does it make me feel good, but it's also rewarding."

CHORALE CHRISTMAS Outside Community Hospital, Claire LeMonnier, senior, sang for a cause with the rest of Chorale. As well as singing for a cause, the group also took part in the tree lightning ceremony. "I've always liked the performance since it's for a cause," Claire said. "We use our talents to help the Christmas spirit, which is amazing."

PUPPY LOVE Devoting her time to animals and the Humane Society, Adrienne Lucas, senior, spends time with rescue animals. Taking them out for walks, doing laundry, and even playing with the dogs were a few ways Adrienne contributed to the shelter. "It's rewarding to volunteer at the shelter but at the same time it's hard seeing older dogs and cats that have yet to find a forever home," Adrienne said. "I just like to love them and keep them company."

THE MORE THE MERRIER

Students volunteered throughout the community

ANIMAL VOLUNTEERING:

- **Alsip Nursey**
- **The Humane Society**

PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING:

- **Hospice**
- **Community Hospital**
- **Heartsfield Village**

RETAIL VOLUNTEERING:

- **Hearts N Motion**
- **PAWS**

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF

SILENCE WAS NEVER AN OPTION FOR STUDENTS WHEN IT CAME TO SPEAKING THEIR MIND AND VOICING OPINIONS

School was a place of learning. But from teachers? Not always. Through talking to peers, students made their voice heard.

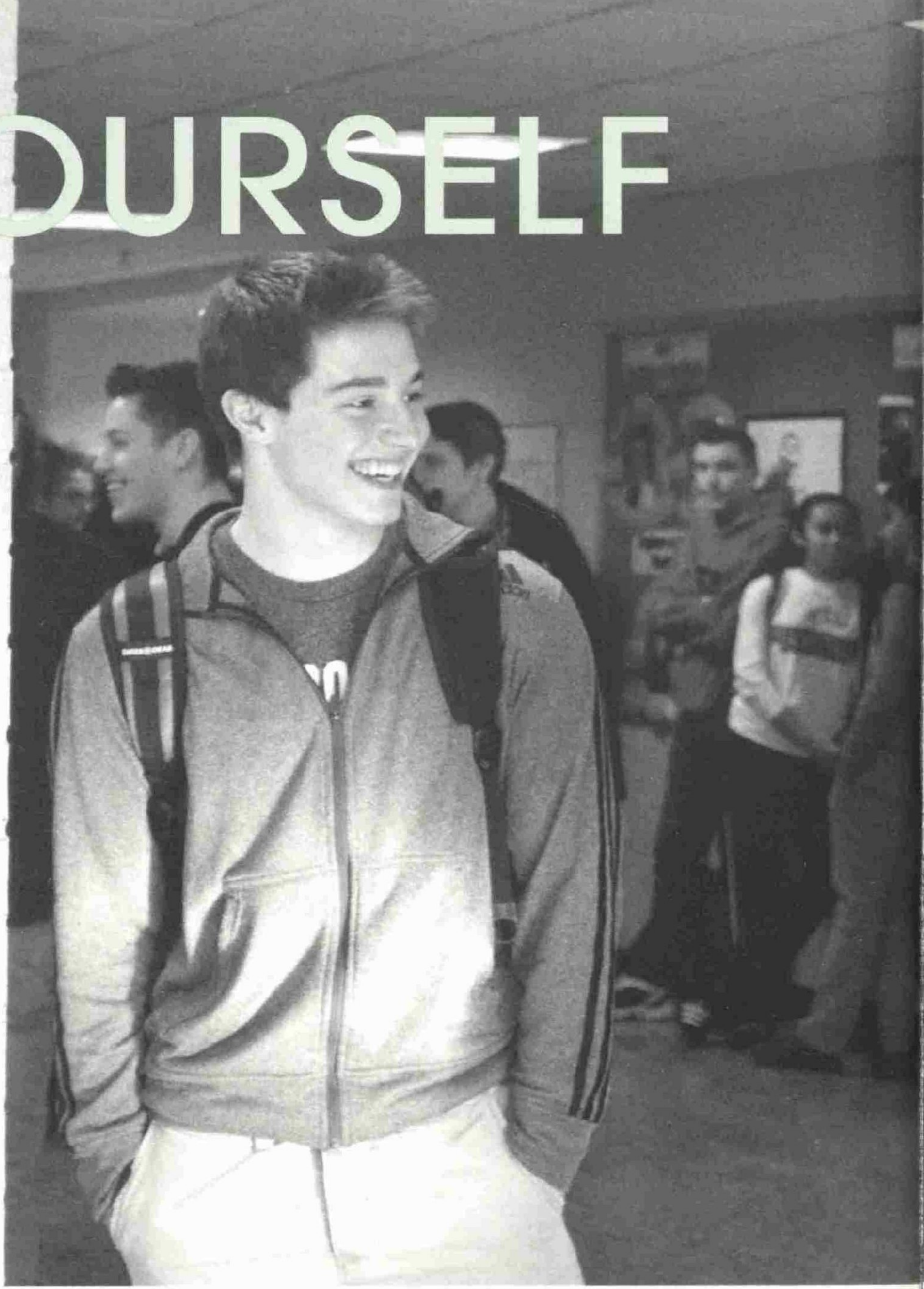
"It is really important that high school students have a voice because if you don't start forming your opinion now, we're never going to know how to do it in college or the real world," Arielle Crowe, senior, said. "That's serious because the future of our country is depending on us."

Whether it was during the seven minute passing period from North to South or during We the People competition, students talked, going beyond stereotypical teen topics. Students discussed social movements, politics and current events with care.

"I argued—I debated," Jenson Huang, senior, said. "I think my close friends really heard my voice; I think they did care and listen."

The atmosphere for students to share their opinions can, at times, seem unavailable.

"I just didn't think about what the judgement of what I was going to say was," Tara Layous, sophomore said. "Without a voice, you are in this shell all the time, so it's very important that we have our voice heard, not just in school but also the rest of our society."



HALLWAY DEBATES Waiting for the bell to signal the end of lunch, sophomores Zack Montes and Mackenzie Disak discuss the presidential elections. "I didn't feel like any of the candidates were really fit so I didn't follow the elections too religiously," Zack said. "However, I was curious to see what the outcome would be."

SURVEY IT UP Arianna Lagunas, junior, sits in MRT as she takes a survey conducted by Crier. "It is very important to have a voice and stand up for what you believe in if your opinion contradicts others," Ariana said. " It is very easy to just go along with the tide, but all it takes is one courageous individual to stand their ground."

THE GREAT DEBATE

Students decided which 2016 presidential candidate's platform they favored

Bernie Sanders

29.7%

"He wanted to fight income inequality for the middle class and go after Wall Street."

Donald Trump

15.2%

"He was not afraid to voice his views in order to defend the Constitution. He also was willing to defend our country from foreign and domestic threats."

Hilary Clinton

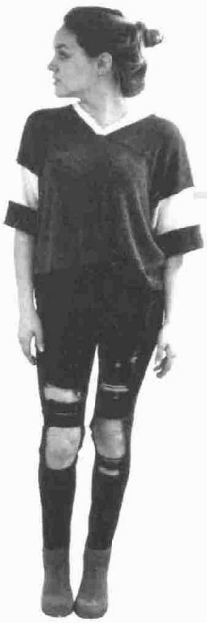
13.6%

"She was willing to compromise with healthcare and financial matters. She also reached out to both the older and younger generations."

Source:survey conducted by Crier of 555 students from Jan. 10-14 on Google forms
Note: totaled percentages do not equal 100 because surveyed students were allowed to choose from 12 candidates

DRESS IT DOWN

Danica Jerkan, senior, was sent home from school due to the rips in her jeans which sparked debates on whether or not the dress code had sexist tendencies



"I was told that if no one brought me a new outfit, I had to leave. I thought it was bit ridiculous because I've seen girls walking around in far more inappropriate dresses and skirts, but when I told that to my teacher, she didn't seem to care for my opinion."

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"We don't want your backside hanging out because it's a distraction to a 14 or 15 year old boy; I was a 14 or 15 year old boy, too. However, it's definitely not our first priority, and we give warnings for their first offense."

[illegible]

"I thought dress code was kind of stupid and sexist in a way. They took time out of girl's education to focus on their clothes."

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"I think dress code is stupid even though I've never been dress coded. It seems unfair, and I don't see how it could be considered a distraction."

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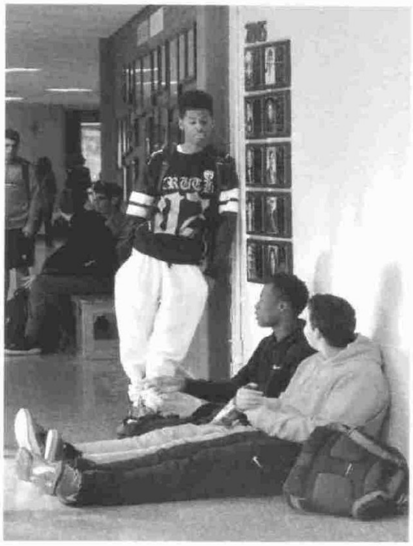
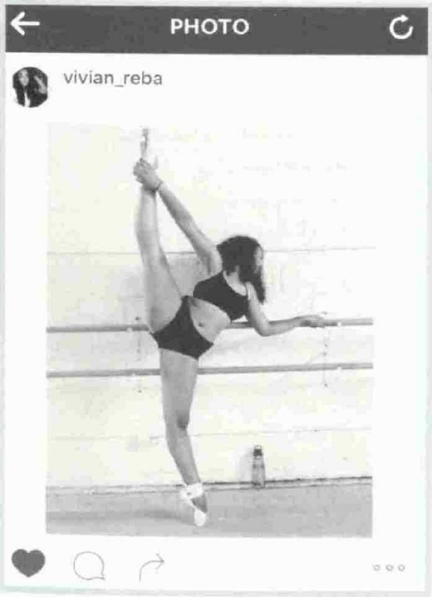


#FREETHENIPPLE During Spirit Week, dress-code rules were out the window. Students were able to dress in spandex and leotards without consequences. Seniors Floyd Stoner and Alex Mis participated in 80's Work Out Day, sporting neon colors and tights. "I wasn't worred (about getting dress-coded) because I felt the administration would be cool and just want us to have fun and enjoy the festivities." Alex said.

TEEN TOPICS Chatting in the commons, sophomores Kendall Coleman, Brandon Baker and Peter Delis talk about debatable topics. One issue that was frequently discussed was their take on the school dress code. "I feel like there was no purpose to having a dress code because no one followed it anyway." Kendall said.

BODY POSITIVITY

Being comfortable in their own skin was an obstacle some students struggled with



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"I personally have had a lot of issues with body image and the way I look because I don't usually meet a lot of people who have hair like me or a similar body to me, especially those who are represented in the media."

[illegible] insecurities?

"Overcoming, for me, is still something that I have to work on daily, and I'm still not very good with (it). But, I think that any day that I can go without measuring my own worth against someone else's because of the way I look or can genuinely pick out things that I love about my body that I used to hate is a day where I have gotten further in my own appreciation for my body."

[illegible] comfortable with [illegible]

"I think this is the point in our lives where we are hopefully past our gawky stage and trying to really figure out who we are before we go off to college. I think that it is really important for us to understand and appreciate who we are physically. In life, you have to be prepared to be around people who aren't going to like the way you look, talk or other things about you. Plus, being confident in your own body will feed into your confidence and help you when you're doing presentations as well as job and scholarship interviews. Your confidence will carry over and be seen by whomever you're talking to."

ON POINTE In between dance classes, Vivian Reba, senior, snaps a picture for Instagram. "I really liked the picture because I think when people think about dancers, more often then not they picture a very slim girl," Vivian said. "I am not that, and I think it's important to represent dancers, and people in general, of different body types in all sorts of situations to promote body positivity."

ONE MOMENT TO CATCH THE EYE

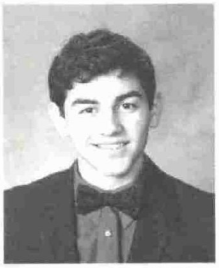
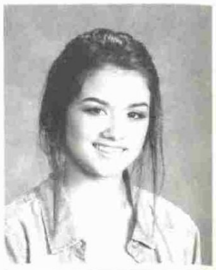
We learned together in larger classroom sizes for eight hours, five days a week. We traveled to Speech & Debate tournaments together at 5 a.m. nearly every Saturday. We crowded the LGI, every grade united into one study hall, surrounded by people we never knew. We discussed business pitches in MIT Club together. We sat in a circle and poured out our hearts in Poetry Club. We all played in red-and-white colored jerseys. We dressed in all black and filled the bleachers for Friday night football games.

We may have always seen ourselves as a single part of a group all reaching for a common goal, but we were much more than that. We made names for ourselves outside the realm of our small school on the vastness of the World Wide Web. We created our own music and we fixed our cars all on our own. We received early acceptances to our top choice colleges, and we stepped out into a new world through the armed forces. Our uniqueness shone brightly, bouncing off of each other. Neither changes nor finances dulled us.

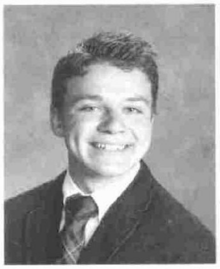
When we were given one moment to stand out, we embraced it whole-heartedly. We grasped the opportunity, the chance, the moment– and after it all, we caught your eye.

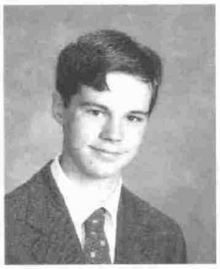
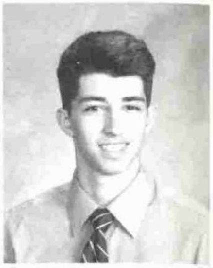
FIT FOR FUN Pretending to throw a punch, Anna Bilse, senior, participates in the 80s-themed workout session in the Commons after lunch. Students spent Decades Day dressed in their grade's designated time era during Homecoming Spirit Week. "I loved that I was finally able to be apart of the chaos," Anna said. "Who wouldn't want to wear bright tights, a horrible leotard and gaudy leg warmers to school and have it be acceptable for a day?"

Jillian Ackermann: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9-12; Softball 9-12; NHS 11-12
Arianna Adams
Lauren Adams: Spanish Club 9-10; ASL Club 11-12; Student Government 9-12; Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12); Track 9-12 (Captain 12); Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12; NHS 11-12
Diego Alanis: Chorale 11-12, STAND 10 & 12, Poetry Club 12, Diving 10, Ping Pong 9-12, Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12), French Club 9 & 12, ASL Club 11-12, SING 11, MTC 10-11, Art Club 12
Alyssa Amaloo

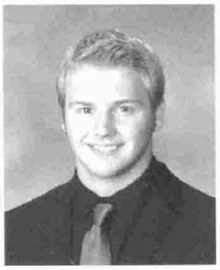
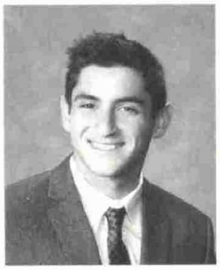



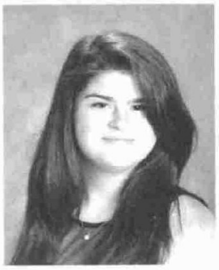
Austin Andello: Varsity Soccer 9-12 (Captain); Spanish Club 9-11; DARE Role Model 10-12
Margret Anderson
Brian Araya: Spanish Club 9-11; German Club 9-11; TEAMS/JETS 9-12; Academic Super Bowl 11-12; Spell Bowl 12; Science Olympiad 9-12; Launch 12; Speech 9; DECA 11-12
John Archer
Mitchell Argamasilla



Logan Armagast
Clay Arnold
William Ault: French Club 9-10; Jazz Band 9-10; DECA 12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12
Hannah Bailey: Hockey 9-12; ASL Club 9-12; Project X 11
Alexis Baker: Link Crew, ASL Club



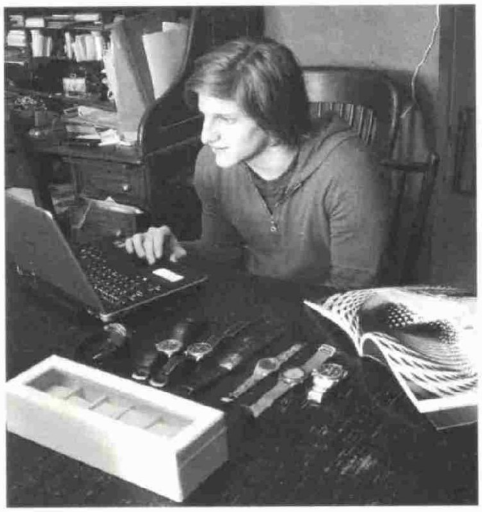
writing IN TIME

Wearing, reviewing, and writing about watches, Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior, developed a hobby

After landing a job with Isochron Media with the help of his dad, Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior, wrote watch reviews. He developed his own writing process:

1. Receive assignment over email
2. Research watch reviews
3. Wear the watch for one week
4. Note positives and negatives
5. Compile all ideas and comments
6. Write article
7. Read through and fix mistakes
8. Send it to dad for second look
9. Send the assignment to publication
10. Enjoy the watch as payment

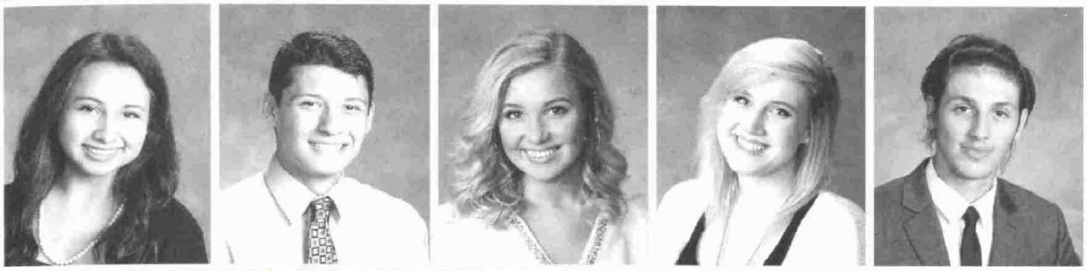
"I like the NATO strap (on the Seiko Yellow Monster). The material is comfortable. Leather has a certain stiffness that isn't always the easiest to wear. This watch is great because neon orange is my favorite."
Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior



TICK N' TYPE Shortly after laying his watches out, Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior, pulls up an article on his laptop. He skimmed through the piece to check for mistakes before he sent his article to his dad to proofread. "It took me around eight hours from start to finish just writing," Nick said. "After I finish writing I read through and send it to my dad for proofreading."

KEEPING TIME Showing his watches off, Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior, lays his watches out for display. He used a box lined with soft fabric with individual compartments to protect his seven watches. "I got this box from my mom," Nick said. "It's really helpful in keeping all my watches in one place so I don't lose them."

Aleksandar Balac
Miles Barilla: Ping Pong 9-10
Alexia Barraza
Frederick Beckman: Swimming 9-10; DECA 10-12; Spanish Club 11-12; Ping Pong 11-12; HOSA 11; MIT Launch Club 12; Link Crew 12
Samantha Berg



Melissa Bermudez
Zachary Bieniak
Anna Bilse: French Club 9-10; SADD 9-10; Dance Team 9-10; MTC 9-12; Chorale 10-12; SONG 10-12; Speech & Debate 11-12; NHS 11-12
Rachel Bishop: Speech 9; Theater 10; Crier 11-12 (Head Photographer 12); Paragon 12 (Head Photographer 12)
Dorde Blagojevic

Justin Blair
Paige Bohling
Heather Born
Taylor Brant: Diving 9-12
Michael Brozovic

TOP TICKERS

After going through his watches, Nick Heppner-Lundin, senior, identfied his favorites

Name: Seiko
Model: Yellow Monster
Cost: $230
Features: Dive watch, Waterproof up to 200m, Date (day), NATO stap

Name: Seiko
Cost: $150
Features: Sterling Silver, Date (day)

Name: Swatch watch
Cost: $60
Features: Chronograph (stopwatch)

Name: Jorg
Model: Gray 6500
Cost: $895
Features: Date (day), 24-hour time, automatic (self-winding movement)

Source: Nick Lundin

work OF ART

Tattoos were seen as a permanent form of art by Brandon Williams, senior

To some, tattoos might have seemed intimidating knowing that whatever design you choose will be a part of you for the rest of your life. However, Brandon Williams, senior, saw tattoos as a way someone could transform into a living piece of art.

Ever since Brandon was young, he had an interest in tattoos due the fact his parents both had them. After the passing of his mother in the winter of 2014, Brandon decided to get his first tattoo in honor of her.

"My favorite tattoo was the nurse on my forearm because, not only was it my first, it was a memorial for my mom," Brandon said.

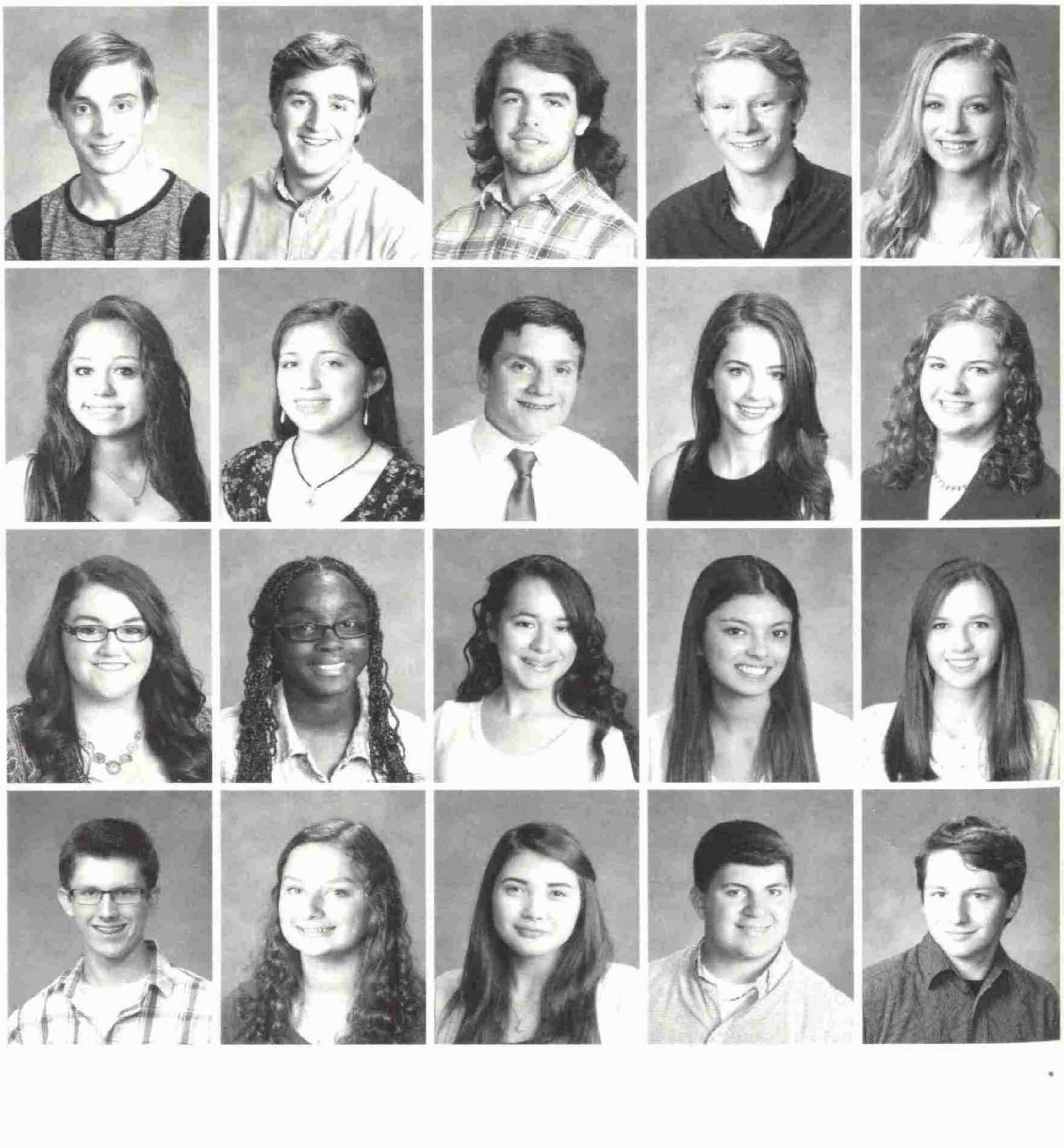
With a total of 11 tattoos, Brandon has spent countless hours patiently sitting in a tattoo parlor.

"Most of my tattoos took between five to eight hours," Brandon said.

Brandon appreciated the way he could transform himself into a walking piece of art.

"It was a strange idea to think that a canvas in the art room and I had something in common," Brandon said.

THE ART OF MUSIC: A tattoo needle to his calf, Brandon Williams, senior, lays as he gets tattooed at the Lucky Kat Tat in Whiting by his usual artist, Felix. "I had a gramophone tattooed on my leg that took about three hours," Brandon said.



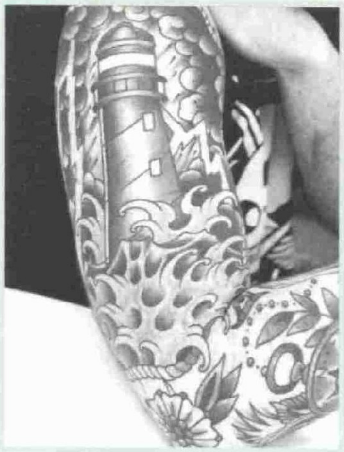
Zachary Brum
Connor Bubash
Dylan Bugajski
Brett Butler
Samantha Buvala: Track & Field 9-12; Basketball 9-12; NHS 12; SADD 9-11; Speech 10; DARE Role Model 9-12
Mariah Cabrales
Alexia Calderon: Chorale 11-12; Project X 11-12; Spanish Club 9; DECA 11-12; MTC 12; Auditorium Staff 11; Poetry Club 12; Debate 10; Tennis 9-10, 12; Soccer 9-10; NHS 11-12; Peer Tutoring 12; Ping Pong 9;
Daniel Cappo: Robotics 9-12 (VP 11, Pres. 12); MTC 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; German Club 9-11; Pep Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 12
Therese Capriglione: We the People 11; NHS 11-12; Paragon 11-12 (co-Editor-in-Chief 12); DECA 9-12; MTC 9-10; Speech 10; Spanish Club 9-10; Environmental Club 10; Project X 10; Civics Club 12; MIT Launch Club 12
Bridget Caraher: Speech 10-12; DECA 10-12; French Club 9-12; Science Olympiad 12; Swimming 9-10; Softball 9; Chorale 10

Alyssa Carpenter: Link Crew 12; Spanish Club 9-10; Art Club 9
Zola Carter
Veronica Casillas: Art Club 9-11; MTC11-12; Chorale 12
Mia Castro: Dance 9; Track & Field 10; ASL Club 11-12; Speech 12; Paragon 12
Julia Chael: Science Olympiad 9-12 (Captain 12); French Club 9-12 (Treasurer 11, President 12); Class Executive Council 9-12 (VP12); JETS/TEAMS 11-12 (Captain 11); Academic Superbowl 10-12; NHS 11-12 (VP 12); Tennis 9-11; MTC 9-10; Speech & Debate 9-10

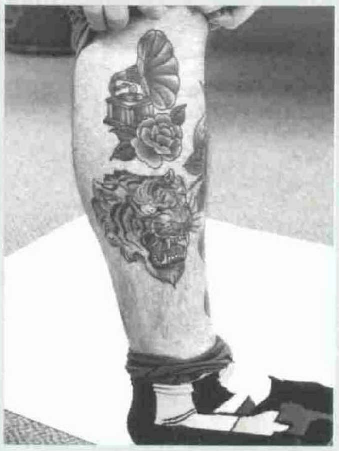
Christopher Charles: Track 9-11; Art Club 9
Hayley Chipules
Shannon Chopin: Project X 9-10; French Club 9-10
Jordan Cistola: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12
Brodrick Claesgens

HUMAN CANVAS

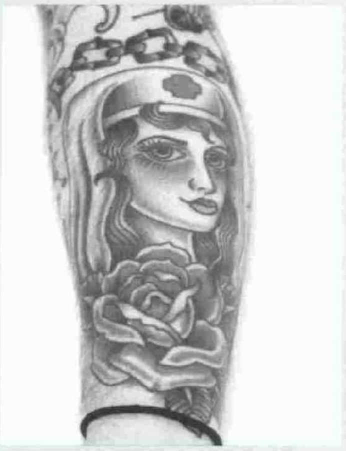
American Traditional was the style of choice when it came to senior Brandon Williams' tattoo designs



"My mom would always tell me chin up and stay positive so the lighthouse in the storm is meant to symbolize hope and getting through tough times in life."

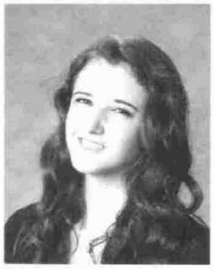
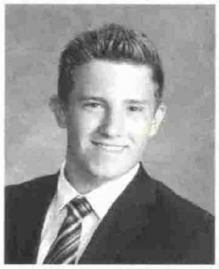


"I got the tiger because my tattoo artist, Felix, drew something up and wanted to tattoo it, so I just let him tattoo my leg."



"I got the nurse because my mom was a nurse. It is a memorial tattoo for her."

Haley Collison: Volleyball 9-10; Soccer 11-12; SADD 9,10-11; STAND 10-11; ASL Club 9-10 (Secretary 10); Best Buddies 9-12; Project X 9,11-12; Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12); Choir 10; Ping Pong 9; NHS 12
Patricia Cornejo
Charlene Cortez: Swimming 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Track 9; NHS 11-12
Kaitlyn Costello: Cheerleading 9; CEC 12; ASL Club 11-12; SADD 11-12
Kaila Crague: Soccer 9-12, Track 10, ASL Club 11-12

Arielle Crowe: We the People 11; Volleyball 9-12; Project X 9-12; DECA 11-12; TEAMS 10-11; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 12; Speech & Debate 9-10
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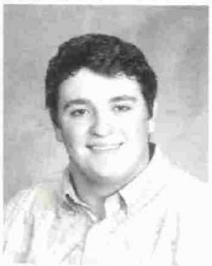
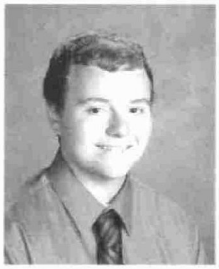
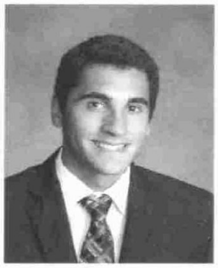
Vincent D'Angelo
Mega Dafiaghor: DECA 10-12 (President 12); STAND 9-12 (President 12); Student Government 11; Speech 9-10; Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 12); Art Club 11-12; Read & White Book Club 9-11
Kristen Davidson



Jordan Davis
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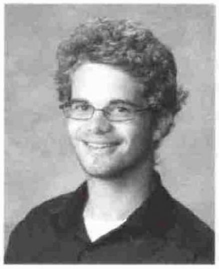
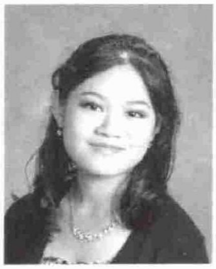
Dominick Delia
Michale Delong: Art Club 10-11; French Club 9, 12; Ping Pong 11; Project X 10-12; German Club 10
Trey Deluna





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Carolina Diaz
Allison Dinh: Tennis 9-12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-12 (Secretary 11-12); Project X 10-12; Academic Super Bowl 9-10; Debate 10; Ping Pong 9; Art Club 9
Robert Dixon

Carlos Douglas: Art Club 9-12 (President 11, 12); Spanish Club 9-12 (PR 11, 12); Link Crew 12
Jeanne Drwiega: French Club 9-12; Project X 11; Color Guard 9-12 (Captain 12); Winter Guard 11-12 (Captain 12); Concert Band 10-11; SADD 12; MTC 11-12; Snowflurry 10-12
Jaclyn Dye: Dance 9-12 (Captain 12); Speech & Debate 9,11; French Club 9,10; Environmental Club 11; NHS 11-12
Cristian Eloisa: Football 9-12; Track & Field 9-12
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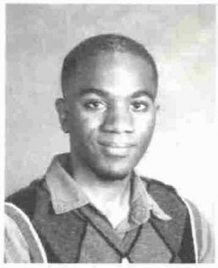
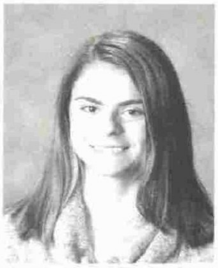
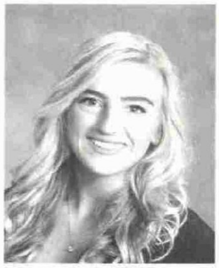
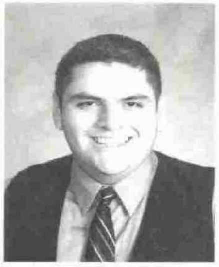
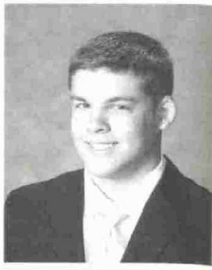
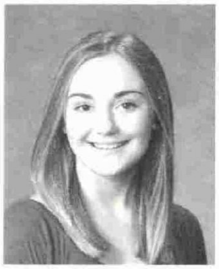
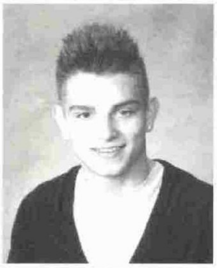
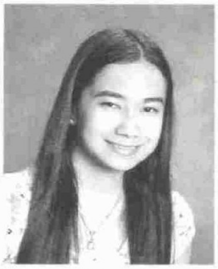






Camryn Fary: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 11; ASL Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 9-12
Tyler Fennema
Caitlin Fitch: Robotics 9-11 (Safety Officer 11), Project X 10-11, Auditorium Staff 10-11, Band 9-12 (Section Leader 12), Art Club 9
Lauren Florek: Chorale 10-12; Women's Ensemble 9-12; MTC 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-10; Art Club 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Speech & Debate 10; NHS 11-12
Emily Flynn



Lauren Flynn
Amanda Forde
Nicholas Gauthier: Student Government 9-11; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club; 12; Speech & Debate 9; Baseball 9-10
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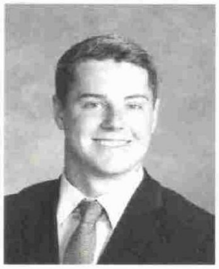
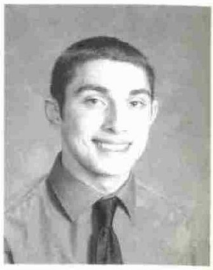
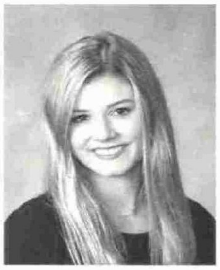
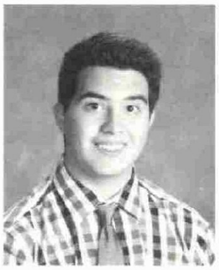
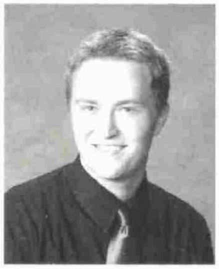
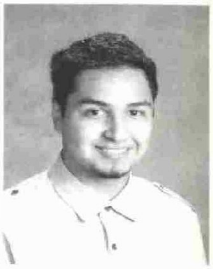
Dominic Giannini





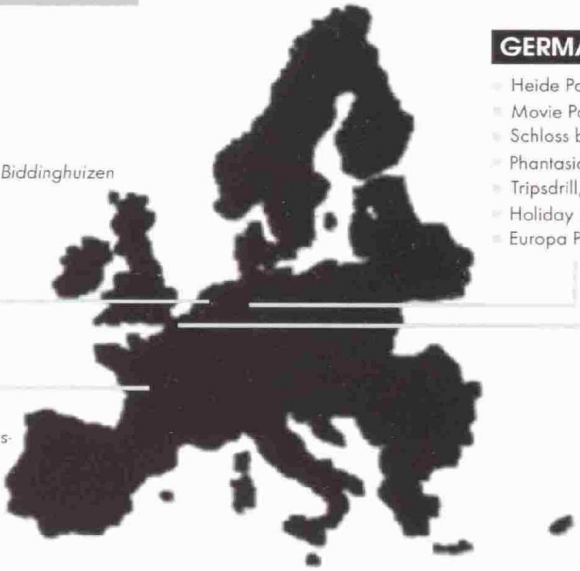
Caitlyn Gilbert: Diving 9-11, ASL Club
Brandon Gill
Chase Ginaven
Kaitlynne Gleason
Anthony Gonzalez



EUROCOASTERS

Caitlyn Knor, senior, visited amusement parks throughout Europe



NETHERLANDS

- Walibi World (Six Flags), *Biddinghuizen*
- Efteling, *Kaatsheuvel*
- Drievliet, *The Hauge*
- Toverland, *Sevenum*

FRANCE

- Parc Asterix, *Plailly*
- Walygator Park, *Maizières-lès-Metz*
- Disneyland Park, *Paris*
- Disney Studios, *Paris*

GERMANY

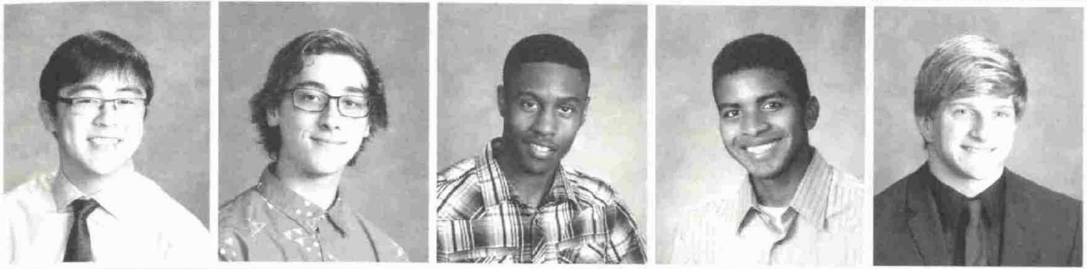
- Heide Park, *Soltau*
- Movie Park, *Bottrop*
- Schloss beck, *Bottrop*
- Phantasialand, *Brühl*
- Tripsdrill, *Cleebronn*
- Holiday Park, *Haßloch*
- Europa Park, *Rust*

BELGIUM

- Walibi Belgium, *Wavre*
- Bobbejaanland, *Lichtaart*

Source: Caitlyn Knor, senior

Dylan Goodman: Spanish Club 9-10; German Club 9-10; Dance 9-11; NHS 11-12
Kayley Gruber
Emily Grunewald: Soccer 9-12; Track 10-12; French Club 9-10
Luke Hackett: Basketball 9-12; DARE Role Model 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; NHS 11-12
Allison Hajduch: Volleyball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Envirothon 12; Spanish Club 10-11; Ping Pong 11



James Han: MTC 10-12; Chorale 10-12 (Section Leader 11-12); SING 10-12; French Club 10
Matthew Hasiak
Trevon Hawkins
Rosendo Heath
Nicholas Heppner-Lundin

Luke Heritage: Cross Country 9-12
Isabel Hernandez
Mireya Hernandez
Christina Hough: French Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-11; Project X 10
Jenson Huang: We the People 11; Tennis 9-12; Debate 9-11; DECA 11-12

Alexander Huard
Jerry Jacinto: Battle of the Bands 11-12
Morgyn Jackson
Cameron Jamerson
Camille Jancosek: Chorale 10-12; ASL Club 12; MTC 9-12 (VP 12); SONG 11-12; Color Guard 9-10; Speech & Debate 11-12; French Club 9-10; Link Crew 12; DARE Role Model 9-12

along FOR THE RIDES

Caitlyn Knor, senior, visited different amusement parks around the nation and world

As spring break approached, Caitlyn Knor, senior, and her family gathered together to discuss where their next vacation would be. While most vacations were planned around location, climate and activities, Caitlyn and her family center their vacations around amusement parks throughout not only the nation, but the world.

"My family and I had been going to different amusement parks around the world ever since I was in elementary school," Caitlyn said. "Once my dad, my two brothers, my mom and I had basically been to every one around our area, we decided we would start going to other countries."

With a passion for rollercoasters, Caitlyn and her family joined to ACE Club (American Coaster Enthusiasts) where they attended group events to amusement parks around the world. Her favorite places included France, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany.

"For every coaster that you rode, you got a credit," Caitlyn said. "As of now, I have around 700 credits."

Having ridden about so many rollercoasters throughout her lifetime, many rides became boring and repetitive, according to Caitlyn. But on her trip to Germany, the rush was rekindled.

"In 2008, we went to Toverland in Germany," Caitlyn said. "It was basically like a giant jungle gym but for adults, and it was definitely my favorite."

Nevertheless, Caitlyn's universal experiences allowed her to see the world and learn about other cultures while doing what she loves–riding rollercoasters.

"I don't think I'll go on as many trips as I did as a kid when I'm older," Caitlyn said. "But I really hope that every once in a while me and my family can go on vacations still. I got to see different parts of the world from different heights, and I'm really grateful for that."

COASTIN' THROUGH IT Explaining what each souvenir was and what I meant to her, Caitlyn Knor shows off her auctioned items that she won in contests. Caitlyn attended these auctions with her family for the club they were in, American Coaster Enthusiasts. "We collected wooden pieces off certain rides, a metal sheet from a cart, some different screws and bolts, parts of the rail and even a chest bar off a ride," Caitlyn said. "It was fun to collect these things just to know we have a part of something so big in our home."

facing THE MUSIC

Brandon Gill, senior, gained more experience from playing various shows

With preformances at venues ranging from Battle of the Bands and Summerfest Music Festival, Brandon Gill, senior, played bass guitar, ukelele and piano.

Consisting of a rock influenced style, Brandon's group, A Fallen Theory, had two other members. When it came to inspiration, Brandon looked up to The Beatles, who were the first group to help him decide to be a musician.

"I didn't like to follow just a handful of musicians because I believed the more I study the more I can learn from and grow as a musician myself," Brandon said.

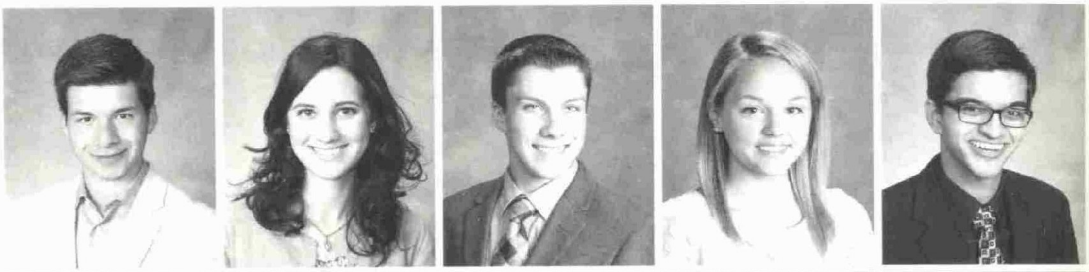
Brandon also gained inspiration from his bass instructor and two friends who encouraged him to form a group, according to Brandon.

Along with his experience and practice to better himself, the persistence to grow as an individual and a musician was a direct motivation, according to Brandon.

"Whenever I decide my life plan, I definitely know it would involve music," Brandon said. "I love being apart of the effect it has on people and being able to do what I love."

JAMMING OUT Auditioning for Battle of the Bands, Brandon Gill, senior, plays his bass guitar. Brandon was used to the audition process after having played in it the past few years. "I actually played with the band Belladonna this year," Brandon said. "I filled in for a friend and was asked to play guitar."

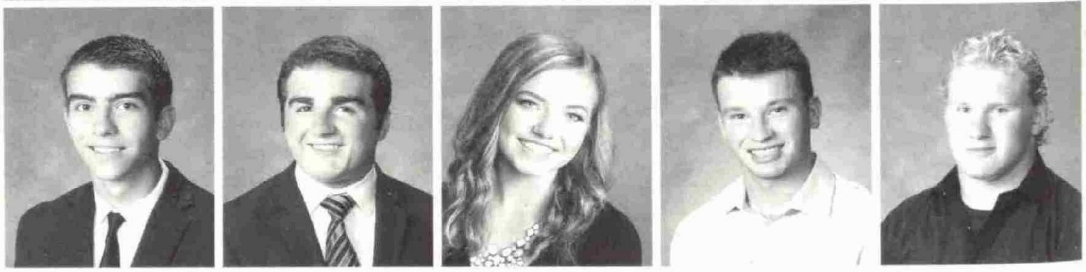
Mladjan Jankovic: Soccer 9-12
Sydney Jasinski
Kyle Jen: Track & Field 9-12; Speech & Debate 11
Danica Jerkan
Harsh Jhaveri: Peer Tutor 9-12; Science Olympiad 9-12 (Captain 9, 12); DECA 9-12 (VP of Business Outreach 11, Group Leader 12); TEAMS/JETS 9-11 (Captain 9, 11); Academic Super Bowl 9-11 (Captain 9); Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; MIT Launch 12



Emily Johnson
Qionte Johnson
Shandan Johnson: Spanish Club 9-12; Poetry Club 9-12 (President 12); DECA 11-12; Project X 11; Soccer 9-10; Art Club 9-11; SADD 11; STAND 11; Best Buddies 11; Spellbowl 11; Auditorium Staff 11
Natasha Jones: GSA 12; Intermediate Concert Choir 10-12; Auditorium Staff 11; STAND 10
Hannah Juarez

Nathaniel Kaczka
Zachary Kall
Meena Kandallu: Crier 10-12 (Editor-in-chief 12); DECA 10-12; CEC 9-12 (VP 11, President 12); Speech 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; IU Honors 11
Abigail Kapitan: French Club 9-10; Basketball 9-10; Chorale 11; SONG 11; Track & Field 9-12; NHS 12; Link Crew 12
Sydney Kaplan

John Karamichos
Yiorgo Karnezis: Soccer 9-12; Football 9; Athletic Training 9; Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Chorale 9-12; MTC 12; Civics Club 12; SADD 9-10; Project X 10-11; SING 11; Ping Pong 9-12
Kelsie Kasper: Softball 9-12 (Captain 12); NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12; Project X 10-12; Best Buddies 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10; ASL Club 11-12
Brett Kaufmann
Joseph Kennedy



PLAYING AWAY

Senior Brandon Gill's top five favorite songs to play

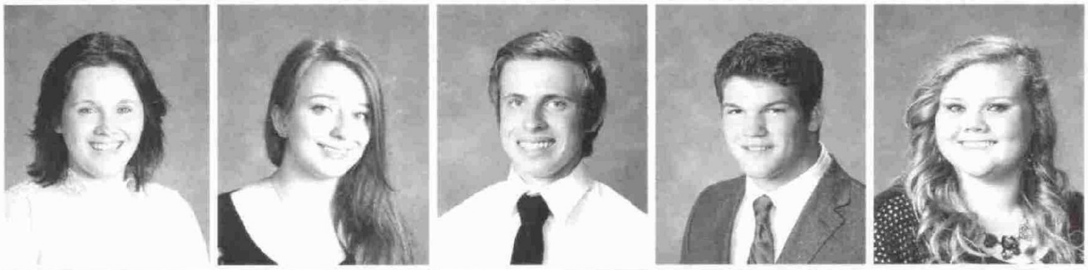
1. OZZY OSBOURNE - "CRAZY TRAIN"
2. HEART - "BARRACUDA"
3. BELLADONNA - "ELECTRIC CELL"
4. LOVERBOY - "WORKING FOR THE WEEKEND"
5. 30 SECONDS TO MARS - "THE KILL"

"They are all songs that I can feel that represent how well my band plays as a whole. They are all very special to me, they are my favorites."

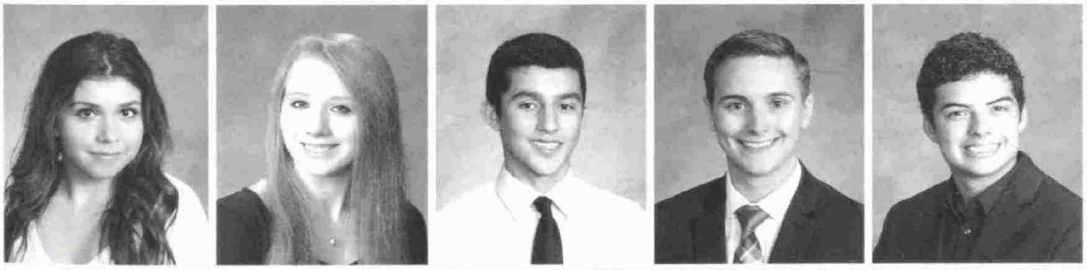
-Brandon Gill, senior

BACKSTAGE BANTER Relaxing backstage before the show, Brandon laughed with his friends and bandmates. Battle of the Bands was one of numerous performances Brandon has done. "I've played battle in the past and I do love it," Brandon said. "It's cool to be with my friends and just do what I love, playing music."

Tyler Keslin
Alexandru Kirr: Science Olympiad 9-12; TEAMS 10-11; NHS 12; DECA 12; French Club 9-10;
Austin Klawitter: Tennis 9-12; Track & Field 10; We The People 11; NHS 11-12; DECA 10-12; MIT Launch 12
Shanna Klisser
John Knight: French Club; Poetry Club



Caitlyn Knor: French Club 9-11; Project X 10-12; SADD 9-12 (Leader 11-12); Tennis 9-12
Clara Kopacz
Michael Kotfer
Timothy Krajci
Paige Kwasigroch: Choir 9-12; Chorale 11-12; ASL Club 11-12; Softball 9-12; Link Crew 12



Maria Kyriakos: Dance 9-10; Project X 9-11; Best Buddies 9-10; Paragon 12
Morgan Lagestee: Swimming 9-10
Julian Lagunas: Swimming & Diving 9-11; Swim Club 9-11; Spanish Club 11-12; DECA 11; HOSA 11; Project X 12; SADD 12; Ping Pong 9, 11
Ryan Larimer
Calvin Leick: Spanish Club 10-12; Football 9-12

Claire Lemonnier
George Lesniewski
Melody Levan: Best Buddies 9-10; Spanish Club 9
Jacob Levy: Spanish Club 10-11; Debate 9-10; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12; Civics Club 9-11; Track & Field 9
Michaella Lorenz: Project X 10-11; ASL Club 11; Softball 9-11; Environmental Club 11

blessing IN DISGUISE

After being misplaced in a summer writing course, Isabel Zuniga, senior, discovered a hidden talent

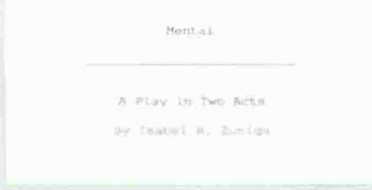
Playwriting originated as an accident for Isabel Zuniga, senior. Instead of being enrolled in a contemporary fiction course, she was mistakenly enrolled in playwriting. After being involved in theatre for a long time, Isabel considered herself to be a fiction prose writer.

"This past August I was studying at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan," Isabel said. "We were given a prompt to write a play about two halves of a person, so I decided to take someone who was mentally ill and split them into the actual human part and the disorder."

This past spring, Isabel's writing prompt turned into something bigger. Isabel announced her first original full-length play "Mental" would be produced and shown at the Towle Theatre in Hammond. Isabel had turned her writing prompt into a play that emphasized the effects mental disorders can have on teenagers.

"I was really inspired by the suicides at Lake Central High School last year and then the suicide at Carmel High School this year," Isabel said. "It just seemed like nothing was changing and no one was really talking about it."

According to Isabel, she ended up loving playwriting and was really glad she took the class by mistake. She plans to continue her education at Marlboro University in Vermont.

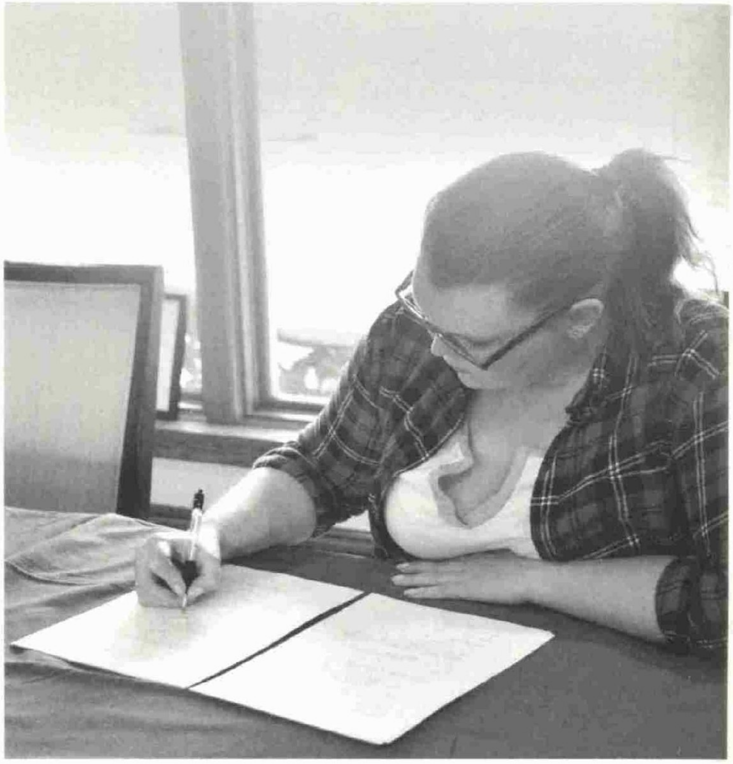


Mental

A Play in Two Acts

by Isabel R. Zuniga

Final script for Isabel Zuniga's play "Mental"



FINAL TOUCHES Writing the script for 'Mental', Isabel Zuniga, senior, takes time to write the perfect script. According to Isabel, it was a frustrating process at times. "It took about five months to get a final script," Isabel said. "I would write at school to get my friends opinions sometimes and if they didn't like it I would re-do it."

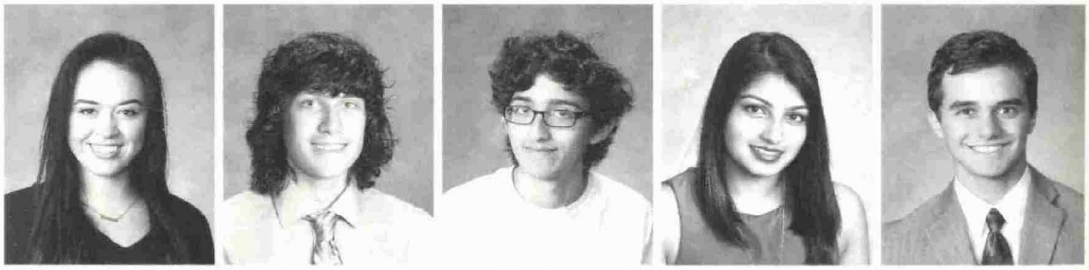
Alexandria Lyons: Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12); Track 9-10; We the People 11; Paragon 11-12 (co-Editor-in-chief 12); Project X 10-11; DECA 11; Choir 10; Battle of the Bands 12

Jacob Lyza

Emilio Malagon: Speech Club 9-12; Art Club 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11; ASL Club 12; MTC 10

Vishva Maniar: ASL Club 11-12, Tennis 10-11, Spanish Club 9-10, DECA 9-12, Debate 9-11, Best Buddies 9, Camerata 9-11

Connor Manous



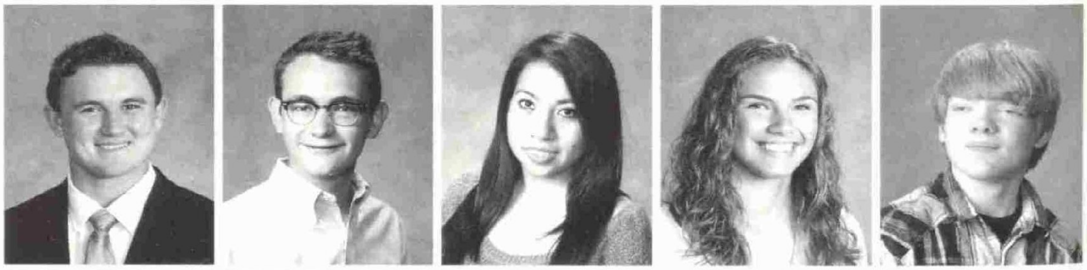
Patrick Marsh: Football 9-12 (Captain 12); Baseball 9-10; NHS11-12; Spanish Club 10-12; ASL Club 12

Reymond Martin

Jocelyn Martinez

Melissa McCann: German Club 9-11; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9-10,12; Softball 9-12; Powderpuff Football 11-12

Jackson McDowell



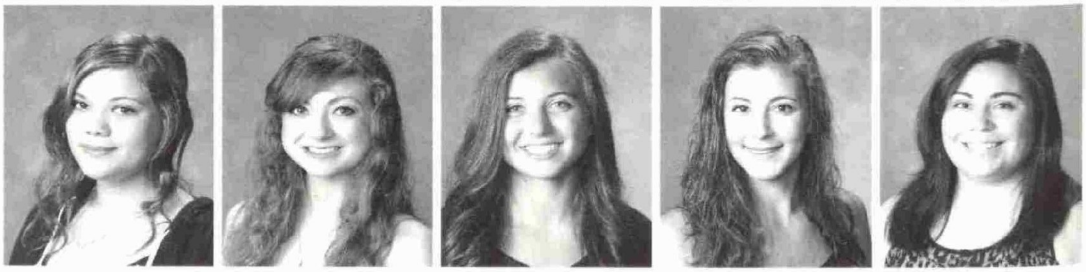
Jamie McDowell: Choir 9-12; Project X 9-11; Speech & Debate 9-11; MTC 9-12; Thespian 10-12; Auditorium Staff 9-11; Poetry Club 12

Amy McDunn: Chorale 11-12; Orchestra 9-12 Camareta 12; MTC 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 10-12; Art Club 9-11; Ping Pong 9

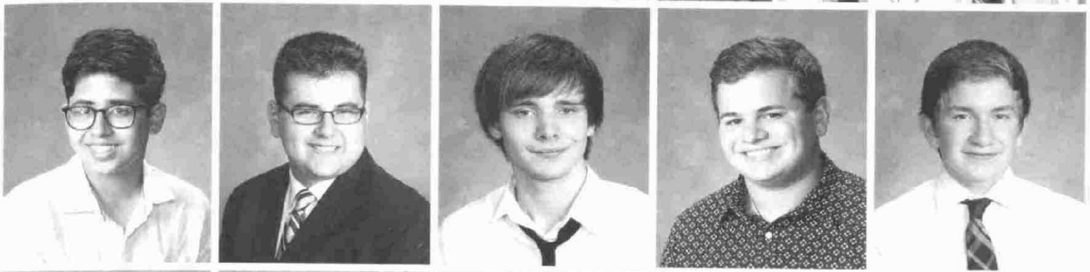
Brigid McGinty: Spanish Club 9-11, Project X 10-11, DECA 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Softball 9-10, Athletic Trainer11-12

Kylee McVicker

Dara Medina: Track; Marching Band; Concert Band; Winter Percussion; Spanish Club; Poetry Club; NHS

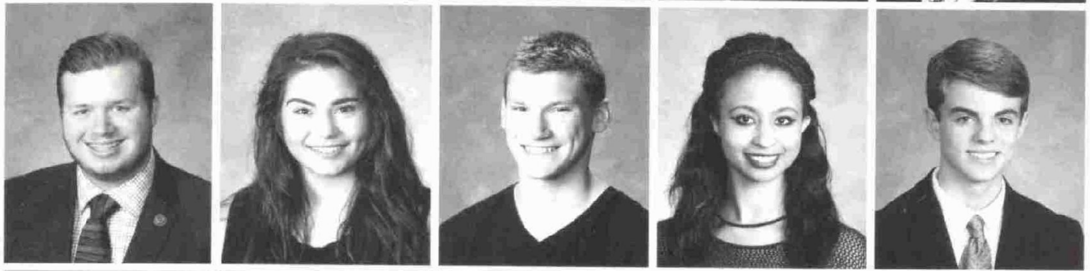


Delaney Mendez: Band 9-12
Nureya Miller
Zoe Mintz: Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12); SADD 9-11; Best Buddies 11; NHS 11-12; Volleyball 9
Megan Mirowski
Alex Mis

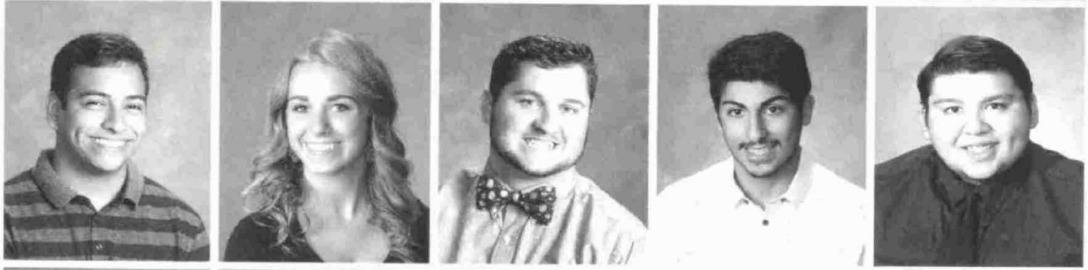


Aditya Mishra: Science Olympiad 9-12; DECA 9-12; Speech 9; Debate 10; Swimming 9; JETS/TEAMS 9-11; Spanish Club 9,11; We The People 11; Spellbowl 12; MIT Launch 12 (President 12); Ping Pong 9; NHS 11-12
Daniel Mitchell
Logan Mohrs
Mark Montella: Soccer 9-10; SADD 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10
Andrew Monthie

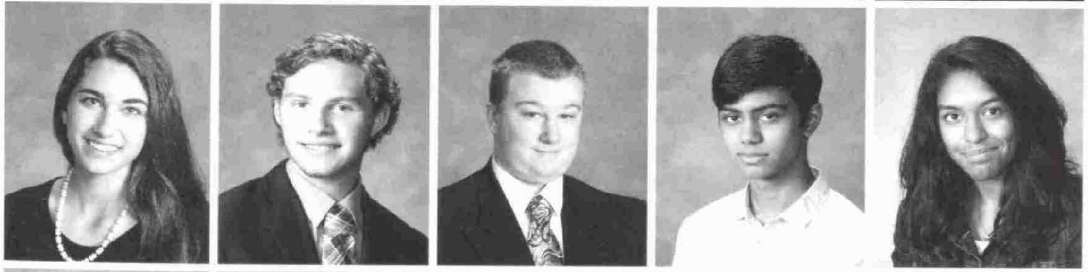
Maya Montoya: Cross Country 9-12; Best Buddies 10,12; Link Crew12
Jeremy Murphy
Laila Nawab: Tennis 9; Spanish Club 10; Speech & Debate 11; DECA 12; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12 (Treasurer 12)
Jonathan Neeley: Chorale 10-12; SING 10-12; MTC 10-12; Thespian 11-12; Science Olympiad 12; Orchestra 9; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 12
Eudora Negri: Volleyball 9-12; GSA 11; ASL Club 11-12; Ping Pong 10



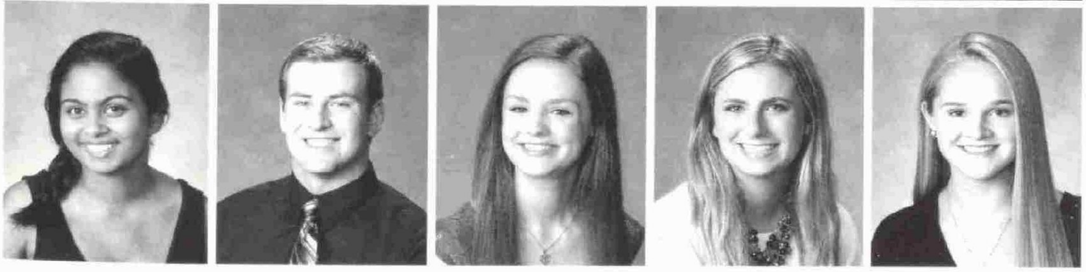
Lucas Newell: Speech & Debate 9 (Debate 9); CEC 9-10; DECA 9-12; Civics Club 9-12 (VP 11-12); We The People 11; Student Government 11-12 (Student Body President 12); Creative Writing Club 11-12; MIT Launch Club 12; STAND 9-12; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 9-12; Track & Field 10; ASL Club 11-12
Brooke Newton: Track & Field 9-11; Soccer 9-12
Steven Nowaczyk: ASL Club 10; Soccer 9-12; Track & Field 9-11
Celeste Nunn
Sean O'Brien: Spanish Club 9-12; Best Buddies 11-12 (Officer 12); SADD 9-11; Project X 10



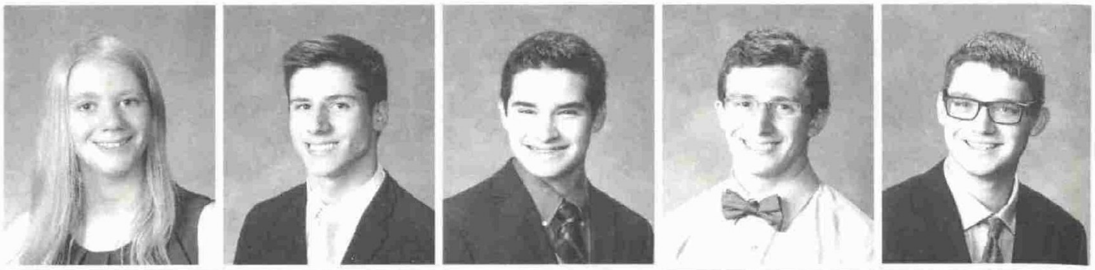
Nicholas Ochoa
Alexa Olsen
Jack Opilka
David Ortega
Leoncio Ortiz: Poetry Club 9-10; Marching Band 9-12; Symphonic Band 9-10; Wind Ensemble 11-12; Orchestra 11-12; Robotics 9-12 (Head of Engineering 10, Safety Captain 12)



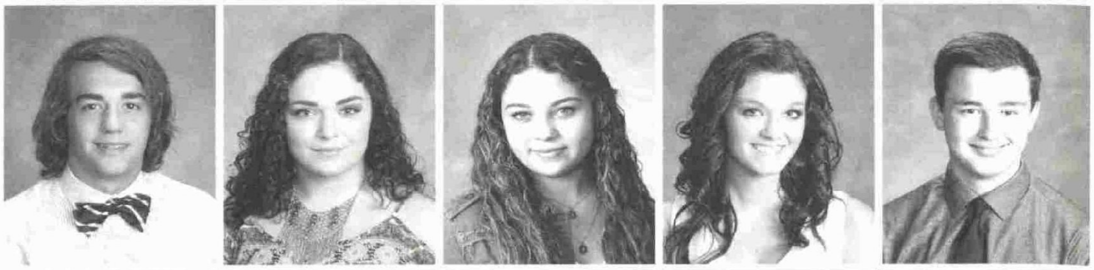
Amanda Osterhus: Softball 9-12; Speech 10; Spanish Club 9-12 (Secretary 11-12)
Kyle Palermo
David Parobek
Avi Patel
Palak Patel: Ping Pong 9; Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Spell Bowl 9-10, 12; Link Crew 12; Read & White Book Club 9-12; DECA 10-12
Serena Patel: CEC 10-11 (President 11); DECA 9-12; French Club 9-10; Project X 10; SADD 9-11; Spanish Club 9-12 (President 11-12); STAND 9-10; Student Government 12; NHS 11-12; Volleyball 9; Paragon 10-11 (Design Co-Editor 11)
David Paunicka
Jessica Pazik: Project X 10-11; Spanish Club 10-11; SADD 9-11; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 11; Choir 10-12; Chorale 12
Carly Peilet
Mackenzie Peirick: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9-12; SADD 9-12; Student Government 9-12 (Vice President 12); NHS 11-12; Soccer 9-10; Track 9-12; Cross Country 11-12 (Captain 12)



Abigail Pennanen: Choir 11-12; MTC 9-12; Speech 10-11; Debate 9
Luke Persic: Link Crew 12; Spanish Club 12; ASL Club 11-12; STAND 12; DECA 12; Art Club 12
Eric Picard
Luke Pillarella: Spanish Club 9 & 12; Project X 9; SADD 9; Civic's Club 9-10; Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9-10; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 12
Simon Pirok: Orchestra 9; Crier 12



Samuel Plate
Mackenzie Portone: Soccer 9-1; SADD 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; ASL Club 9-12; Unified Track 12; Project X 9-11;
Ashley Potoski
Kailey Potts: Project X 10-12; SADD 10-12; Best Buddies 12
Jacob Powers: Robotics



Antonio Presutti
Jeffrey Proctor: Football
Mary Pugh
Vivian Reba
Anna Riggs: Student Government 9-12 (Secretary 12); Speech & Debate 9-12; DECA 9-12; We The People 11; Tennis 9-12 (Captain 12); NHS 11-12

Justin Rios
Carleen Rivera
Paris Robertson-Powe
Luke Rosser
Lauren Russell: Swimming 9-10 ; SADD 9-12; French Club 9-11; Project X 9; HOSA 11

steering OFF ROADS

After hours of repairing his Jeep Connor Bubash was able to continue venturing off roads

Cruising in his Jeep, Connor Bubash, senior, drove around with friends, trying to get as muddy as possible. As he off-roaded, Connor had the confidence he could fix anything in his Jeep if anything went wrong.

"I have done some crazy things on family farm, and there has been one time where I had to have like five trucks pull me out of the mud," Connor said.

Although he liked to go off-roading almost every weekend, his car tended to get damaged in process. Jeeps were easy to work on and the car he would recommend to go off-roading.

Connor has upgraded many parts on his car.

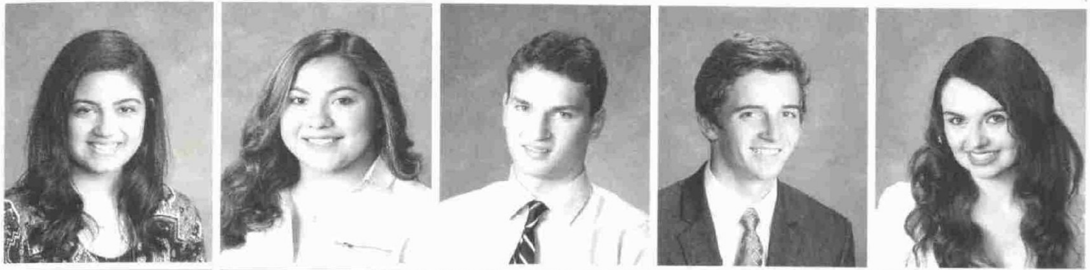
"I have upgraded sway bar links, oil pan gasket, and also welded up the exhaust so it wouldn't break off and hang every time I went off-roading," Connor said.

Connor not only cruises his car, but has been fixing his and friends cars since he was 10. He only did minor changes like changing oil and brakes at a young age. It wasn't until freshman year he got into cars where he has been able to help out with motor swaps and major overhauls on cars.

"I've had a few all nighters where I would sit and work on either mine or friends cars," Connor said.

CONNOR CRUMING Popping the hood, Connor Bubash, senior, explains how the wiring harness is vital to making the car run. He liked to fix this car in his free time. "I was taking off the intake so I could plug in my wiring harness," Connor said.

Samantha Sabo
Christina Sanchez: Art Club 9-12; ASL Club 11-12 (Secretary 12); Poetry Club 10-12; MTC 11; Chess Club 9-11; Creative Writing Club 12; STAND 12
Ruhani Sansoya: NHS 10-12; DECA 10-12 (VP 11); Orchestra Council 12 (Treasurer 12); Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Art Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-12
Jeremy Sarnowski
Gregory Scherzinger: Football 9-12



Rebecca Sendejas: Project X 9; Spell Bowl 10; Spanish Club 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-11; DECA 10-12; STAND 10-11; Read & White Book Club 10-12; NHS 11-12
Karissa Senisais: Spanish Club 9-11
Luke Shacklett
Collin Sharpe
Savannah Shaver: Spanish Club 9-12 (VP 11, President 12); STAND 10-12, (President 12); Art Club 9-12; Speech & Debate 10; Link Crew 12; ASL Club 11-12; Paragon 11; NHS 11-12; CEC 11-12; DECA11-12

Ruben Shehigian
Tatiana Shinkan: Softball 9; Speech & Debate 9-12; MTC 10-12; Auditorium Staff 11-12
Tannes Shmagranoff
Bradley Sikora: Soccer 9-10,12; Track 10-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 9-12; Project X 10-11; Spanish Club 9-12
Zachary Simic

Maria Sirounis: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Track 10-12; Softball 9; Project X 11-12; SADD 10-12; CEC 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10
Anthony Skiba
Angelica Small: Choir 10-12 (Intermediate Choir 11-12); Color Guard 10-12 (Captain 12); Winter Guard 11; Track 9; Spanish Club 9; Theater 12
Darbi Smith
Christopher Snyder: Swimming 9-12

THE HANDY MAN

Connor Bubash, senior, spent countless hours working on cars and upgrading specific parts for friends and family

- **Upgrading swaybar links** which allowed the wheels to have more travel when going over obstacles
- **Changing oil pan gaskets** so water can not get in oil when it is submerged in water
- **Welding up** [illegible]

DOWN AND DIRTY Working on his Toyota Supra, Connor Bubash, senior, works underneath the car looking for any problems. He upgraded his car often for improvement. "Easy maintenance was given to this car," Connor said. "I guess I am the maintenance man."

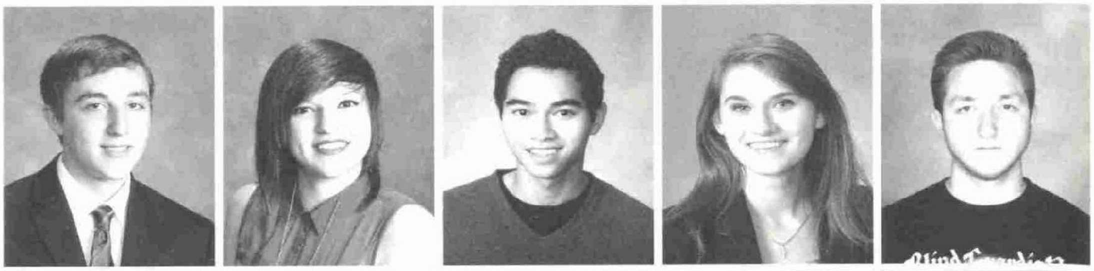
Daniel Soeka: Science Olympiad 9-12; TEAMS 11-12; Academic Superbowl 11-12; Spell Bowl 12; NHS 12 (President 12)

Dania Sotak

Daniel Spencer: Cross Country 9; Diving 10; Spanish Club 9-10; Track & Field 9-12

Polina Stamenkovich

Jovan Stanisavljevic



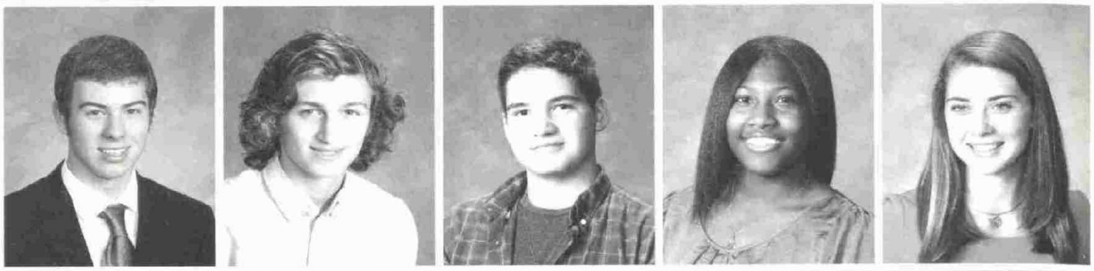
Jeffery Stoll: Soccer 9-10; Spanish 9; Ping Pong 9-11; Tennis 9; Project X 11; German Club 9-10; DECA 10-11

Floyd Stoner

Charles Stringer: Spanish Club 12

Khalehla Strong: Cheerleading 10-12; Project X 10; French Club 9-10; Link Crew 12; NHS 11-12

Claire Svoboda: Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-10; Project X 9; French Club 9-10; NHS 12; We The People 11



Julia Swibes: French Club 9-10, SADD Club 9-12, Paragon 11-12 (Copy Editor 12)

Ally Szakacs: Project X 9-12 (PR 11, President 12); Student Government 9-12; SADD 9-11; French Club 9-11; Link Crew 11-12; NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12; Powderpuff Football 11-12

Michael Szewka: Symphonic Band 9-10, Wind Ensemble 11-12, Debate 9-10, Wrestling 11-12, Marching Band 9-12

Peyton Tinder: Chorale 10-12; A Capella 9-12; Speech 9-12; Theater 9-12; NHS 11-12

Joseph Topor

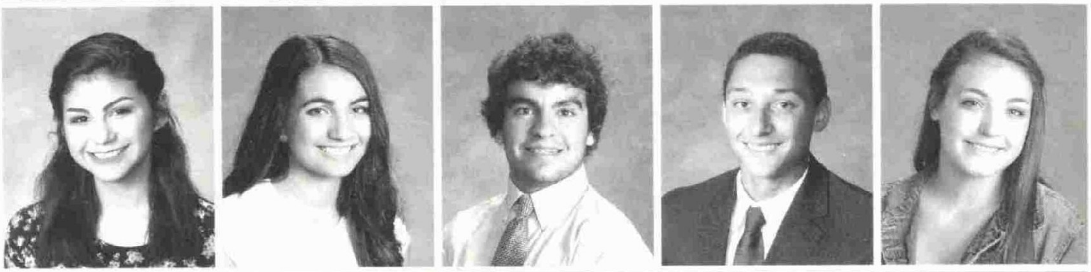
Julia Torres: Creative Writing Club 12 (President 12); Student Government/CEC 10-12; STAND 9-12 (Co-president 12); DECA 10-12; Art Club 10-11; Civics Club 9-11

Emma Trivunovic: Project X 10-11; Paragon 12; Speech 11; DECA 11-12; Spanish Club 9; Volleyball 9-10

George Tsirtsis

Antoine Van Dyke: French Club 9-10; Chorale 10-12; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9-12; Track 10-12; Link Crew 12; SING 12

Megan Vandergriff: Munster Police Explorers (VP 10, President 12); French Club 9



Nikko Vasquez: ASL Club 11-12 Basketball 9-10

Anisha Vavilala: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 11); DECA 9-12 (VP 12); Debate 9-11; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 12; CEC 9-12

Naiomi Velasco

Abigail Wagner: Best Buddies 9-12 (Secretary 10-11, President 12); Track & Field 9-11; Spanish Club 9-12; NHS 11-12

Sean Wagner: Football 9-12; Track 9-12; NHS 11-12

Tiffany Wang: Project X 9-11; French Club 9-12, Science Olympiad 12, TEAMS/JETS 12, Spanish Club 11, Spell Bowl 11, Robotics 11; Making the Grade 12

Jack Warren: Football 9; Track & Field 10-12 (Captain 11-12)

Kelli Webb: Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 10-12; Art Club 10-12; SADD 10-12

Gina Webber

Aaron Welch: Football 9-10,12 Baseball 9-12

Michelle Weller: Spell Bowl 9-12; Robotics 9-12 (Head of Engineering 11); Marching Band 10; Jazz Band 10; NHS 11-12

Lauren Wenzel: DECA 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; SADD 9-11; Student Government 10; Project X 10-11; Art Club 11; NHS 11-12

Journey Westfield

Kaitlyn Wiening

Emily Wierman: Cross Country 9-12, Track & Field 9, Speech & Debate 9-12, DECA 10-12, Spanish Club 10-11, NHS 11-12, Project X 9, We the People 11

onto THE NEXT STEP

Involvement in a local leadership program opened many doors to college and career choices

Whether it was arguing case law on Capitol Hill during the We the People National Finals or completing her role play at DECA State, Journey Westfield, senior, took on leadership roles, guiding Journey towards the South Shore Leadership Youth for Community Engagement.

An organization aimed towards helping high school students learn how to network in the business and academic world, SSYLC connected Journey to her future with other students in Northwest Indiana.

"We first had to learn about communication within leadership," Journey said. "We met mayors from all over Northwest Indiana, and they taught us about communication and leadership within their job."

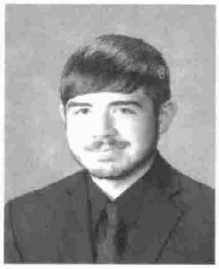
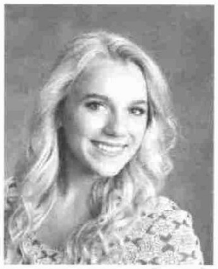
As an integral part of leadership, college education was stressed within the program as a stepping stone for success.

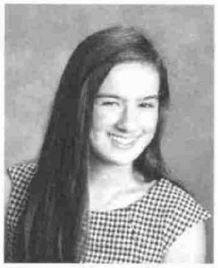
"I was able to intern for a judge over the summer through connecting at SSYLC as well as meeting representatives from prospective schools," Journey said. "I was able to connect with admissions counselors from my top-choice schools, which was pretty special."

Overall, the program was to initiate high school students into the adult world, where they are expected to communicate and lead their peers.

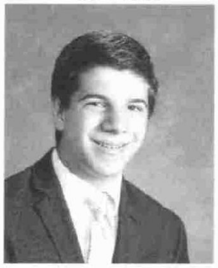
"The most influential lesson I learned through SSLYC was just knowing what to do when I'm at events, like town council meetings or Chamber of Commerce meetings," Journey said. "It made me feel prepared, like I was ready for the next step."

THE ULTIMATE DECISION As she sits in the Media Center, Journey Westfield, senior, reads Crier. Journey took more time to relax after accepting her admission into Spelman College, an elite all-female college in Atlanta. "I decided to go to Spelman because of how strong the sisterhood there was," Journey said.



Rita Willcox
Brandon Williams
Sara Wilson: Dance; DECA; We The People; NHS; ASL Club; Best Buddies
Anna Witt
Jillian Ylo: Track & Field 9-12 (Captain 12); Cross Country 10-12 (Captain 12); Student Government 9-12 (PR 11-12); NHS 11-12 (Secretary 12); Speech & Debate 9-10, 12; Science Olympiad 11-12; Project X 12; Link Crew 12; Ping Pong 12; Basketball 9; Marching Band 9; Theater 9



Megan Zabrecky: Basketball 9-12; Softball 9; Volleyball 9; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 11-12; SADD 10-12; ASL Club 11-12; Art Club 9-10; DARE Role Model 9-12
Chloe Zatorski
Cecilia Zavala: Spanish Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Speech & Debate 9-11; Track & Field 10-11; Project X 11; Orchestra Camerata 10-11; STAND 11; Link Crew12; NHS 11-12; ISSMA 10-11; DECA 11
Lydia Zheng
Anthony Zmuda: Spanish Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; Science Olympiad 9-12 (President 12); Academic Super Bowl 11-12; TEAMS 11-12; Ping Pong 9

Isabel Zuniga: Speech Club 9-12; Art Club 9-10; Spanish Club 9-11; ASL Club 12; MTC 10

NOT PICTURED, STILL PIVOTAL

Ricardo Alvarado
Ronald Barrera
Joshua Briette
Trevor Brooks
Theodore Burgwald
Ginger Burks
Andrew Caroselli
Julian Chapa
Chester Clark
Luke Covello
Joshua Cowan
Dustin Crull
DeArJnae Douglas
Jay Foreit
Chufan Gao
Daniel Garcia
Kory Gouwens
Esbeida Guzman
Zachary Held
Jessica Herrera
Julia Janik
Jae Lee
Claudia Lopez
Lily Lovison
Adrienne Lucas
Miriam Mathew: STAND 10-11
Madelynn Moore
Cristian Napoles
David Palacios
Jaycob Ramirez
David Reding
Anaria Riggio: Spanish Club 10; Best Buddies 10; French Club 10; SADD 10; Project X 10; Read & White Book Club 10
Jovanny Rodriguez
Aaron Rosas
Raleigh Sell
Sara Shah: Tennis 9-10; Best Buddies 9-12; HUM 9-12; SADD 10-11; DECA 10-12; Debate 10-11; Speech 9; CEC 9, 11
Bilal Siddiqui
Cameron Singleton
Almira Torres
Camryn Whaley
Danae Wilson
Brando Winter
Austin Yusko
Nicholas Zawadzki
Connor Zunica

the | ELEVENTH HOUR

Deciding to spend their next chapter of life in college, students chose between early or [illegible] for applications before the deadlines.

August, November, January and May: Were these, perhaps, the most important months for the senior class? For those attending college, yes, and yet again, a certain few took particular notice to November.

While most college applications opened in August, close in January and required a decision by May, there was the November option: early admission or early action. Whether binding or not, applicants turned in their application in November for a decision by January in order to increase their chances of attending their first choice school, which was often more elite.

"I applied early to Notre Dame because of its prestigious business school," Bridget Caraher, senior said. "I was looking for multiple options for college, and I value rigorous academic curriculum."

Bridget was accepted but ultimately turned down her offer to attend Indiana University with a scholarship. However, decisions differed amongst the senior class. Mega Dafiaghor, senior, accepted her early admission into Notre Dame.

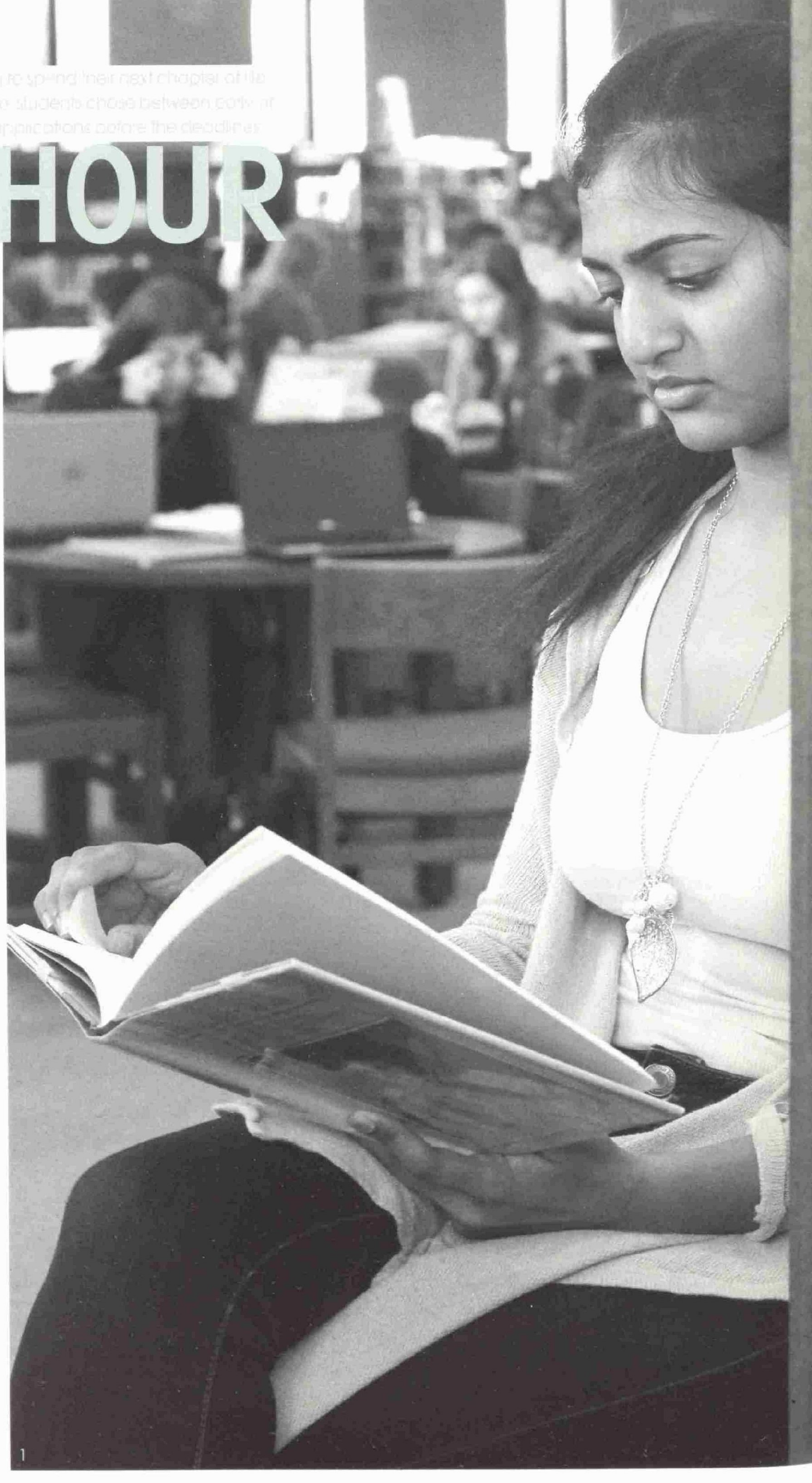
"(When I got accepted) I was like, 'I made it into college? Is this real life?' At Christmas time, they sent me a handwritten letter, and I was pretty much set on going there because of how nice they were," Mega said. "I almost didn't apply to anymore colleges because I knew I wanted to attend Notre Dame."

However, regular decision remained an option—the only option—for other applicants.

"I was not entirely sure where I wanted to go," Chloe Zatorski, senior said. "I didn't want to close off any other options with a binding acceptance."

Weighing the benefits and drawbacks, Chloe applied to various colleges by the November deadline.

"I ended up choosing to go to George Mason University," Chloe said."I got a scholarship, so early admission wasn't for me."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NEXT STEP: IVY LEAGUE Taking a break from the classroom, Anisha Vavilala, senior, sits in the library reading a book to prepare for her next Debte meet. Anisha was accepted into the University of Pennyslyvania for the fall of 2016. "I'll be studying exactly what I want to be studying, and although I like Munster, I'm excited to explore and live in a new city." Anisha said.

ARE YOU IN OR OUT

Tuition costs differed for students across the nation attending popular Indiana universities depending on whether the student is attending in- or out-of-state

2. GUIDING THE PATH A representative from Purdue Calumet University speaks at a open house for admitted students. The open house consisted of booths that informed students of what the university had to offer. "It was really informative and helped answer questions I had about the school," Nick Lundin, senior said. "The staff members were very helpful, too."

	PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET	PURDUE UNIVERSITY LAFAYATTE	INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON	INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST
Attendance	In: $21,308 Out: $30,573	In: $23,032 Out: $41,834	In: $24, 719 Out: $48,072	In: $15,170 Out: $23,964
Room & Board	In: $7,368 Out: $7,368	In: $10,030 Out: $10,030	In: $9,795 Out: $9,795	In: 6,236 Out:6,236
Total	In: $42, 616 Out: $61,146	In: $46,064 Out: $83,668	In: $49,438 Out: $96,144	In: $29,170 Out: $52,794

Source: www.collegedata.com & www.collegesimply.com

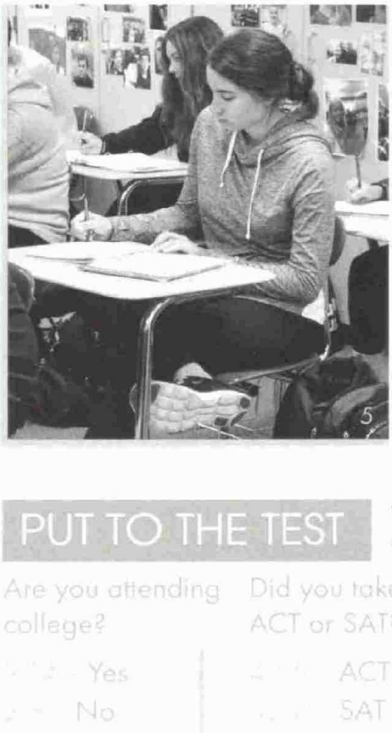
A CREDIT A DAY

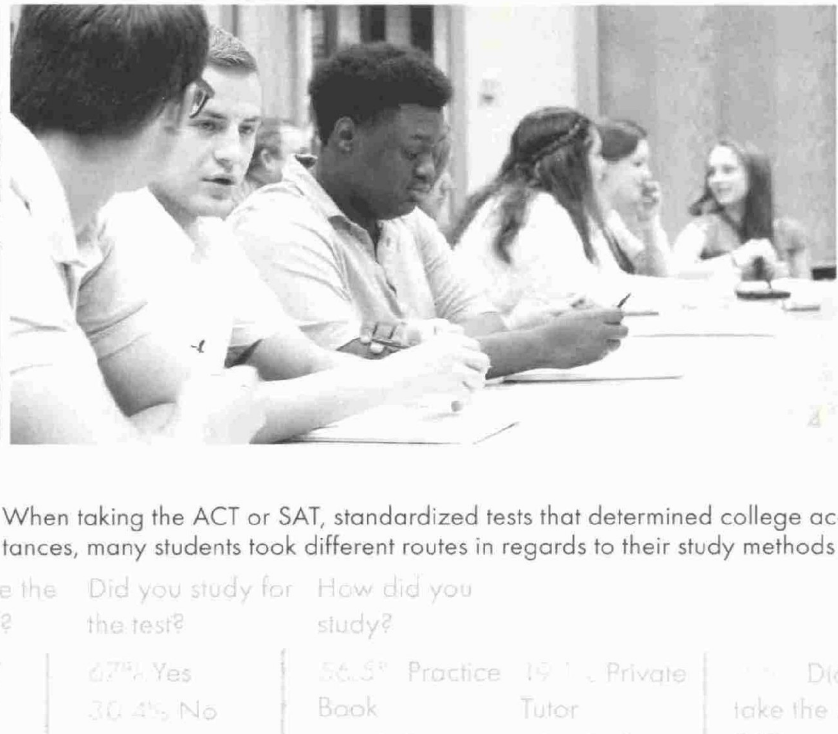
To meet general state diploma requirements, all seniors were required to take government to graduate from high school with at least a Core 40

3. CIVIC SELFIE Taking a selfie for their Government project, seniors Alex Kirr, William Ault, Maggie Anderson, Alexia Barraza and Meena Kandallu smile for the camera at a School Board meeting. Students were required to attend a meeting where public policy was being made. "Since we were adults after we left high school, I think it was important for us to have an understanding of the government that we were subject to," William said.

4. BEFORE THE BOARD Discussing what they should take notes on for their Government project, seniors Simon Pirok, David Puanicka and Cameron Jamerson sit in on a School Board meeting. In order to fully grasp the assignment, students took part in civic discourse before, after and during the meeting that they attended. "I think Government was important for seniors because most of the seniors were going to be 18 by the time they graduate and it was really important to be educated on how the country was run and how it got to be the way it is today," Simon said.

5. CASE LAW CLASSROOM Taking notes in Government, a class of all seniors, Amanda Osterhus, senior, listens as Mr. Mike Gordon, social studies teacher, speak about court cases. Prior to the lecture, each student researched a court case and created a project to both present and discuss in class before the case law test. "It was interesting listening to the different types of cases," Amanda said. "Some of the situations were really crazy."





PUT TO THE TEST

When taking the ACT or SAT, standardized tests that determined college acceptances, many students took different routes in regards to their study methods

Are you attending college?	Did you take the ACT or SAT?	Did you study for the test?	How did you study?		
[illegible] Yes	[illegible] ACT	67% Yes	56.5% Practice Book	[illegible] Private Tutor	[illegible] Did not take the ACT/SAT
[illegible] No	[illegible] SAT	30.4% No	[illegible] Practice Tests	[illegible] Did not study	
	[illegible] Both	[illegible] Did not take the ACT/SAT		[illegible] Prep Courses	
	[illegible] Neither				

Source: A survey of 115 seniors conducted through Google Forms on April 29

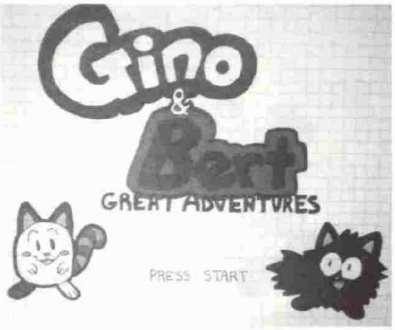
Joshua Ahlf
Andrew Aiken
Morgan Albritton
Samantha Alexiou
Amjad Alshamaileh
Maraya Alvarez
Ashley Anderson
Brandon Andreasen

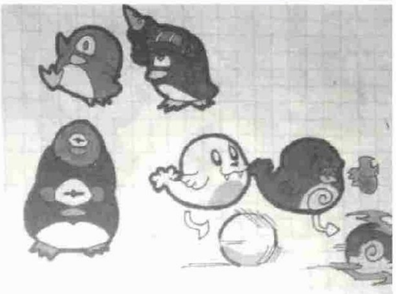
Matthew Aquino
Jonathan Armstrong
Nicolas Arredondo
Jacob Arteaga
Ani Arzumanian
Alexandria Ashenbaugh
Brandon Avila
Vincent Badali

Claire Bailey
John Bales
Tessa Bales
Ashley Ballard
Christopher Baltages
Thomas Beckman
Olivia Bednarowski
Elena Bedolla

DONE BY HAND

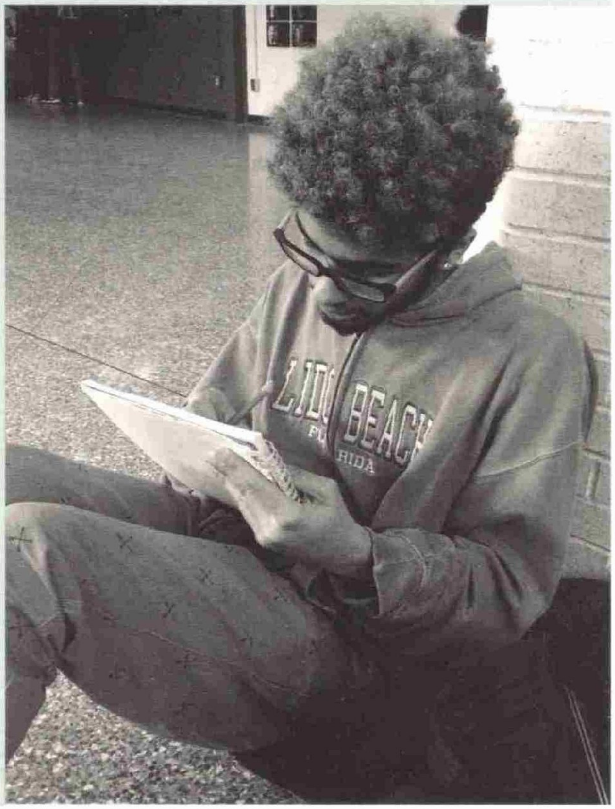
With characters and story lines planned out, Sam Zachary, junior, prepared for his dream of creating video games





written IN THE STARS

Spending childhood immersed in art classes and clubs, one hobby became a career direction for Sam Zachary, junior



IN THE ZONE Sketching during his free time after lunch, Sam Zachary, junior, sits in the Commons thinking of new characters. Constantly drawing during his free time, Sam sketched out his future video game plans. "After playing video games for so long, I thought maybe I should make my own game," Sam said.

Like many high school students, Sam Zachary, junior, wanted to attend college after high school. However, after high school, he had bigger plans. With hopes to create his own video game and travel to Japan, Sam had his future mapped out already.

"After I graduate college, I want to make a career for myself, go to Tokyo and make anime shows and video games," Sam said.

With characters and a story line planned out already, Sam has drawn out what he hoped his video game would look like. Sketches in color and black and white helped Sam visually make plans.

"I've seen how creators have made Super Mario and other video games, and I figured I can make my own games, too," Sam said. "But I need to find programmers and people who can control sounds to help me make video games come to life."

Sam saw art as more than just a hobby. While drawing daily, it became his passion.

"In college, I simply want to study art," Sam said. "Art is my destiny."

Cody Bertrand
George Bissias
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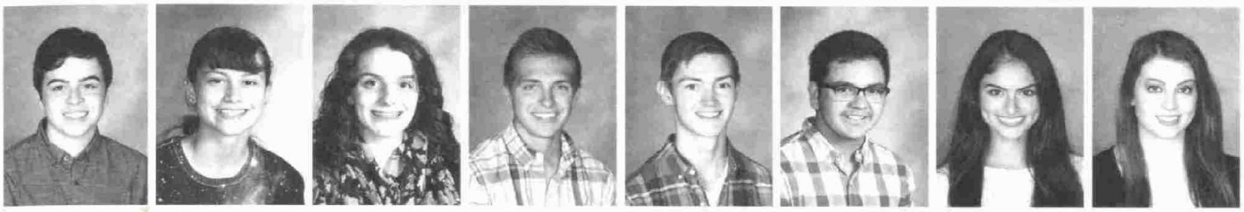

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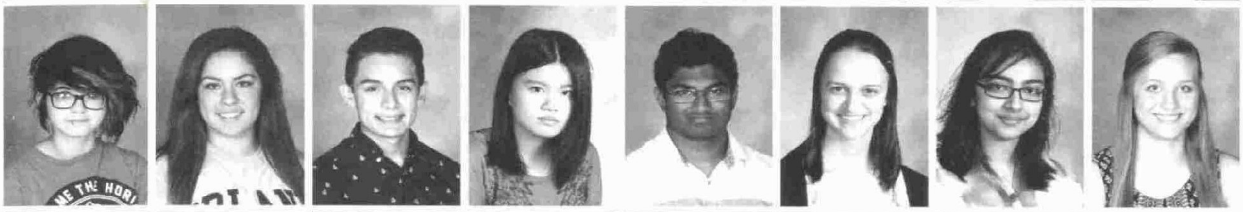

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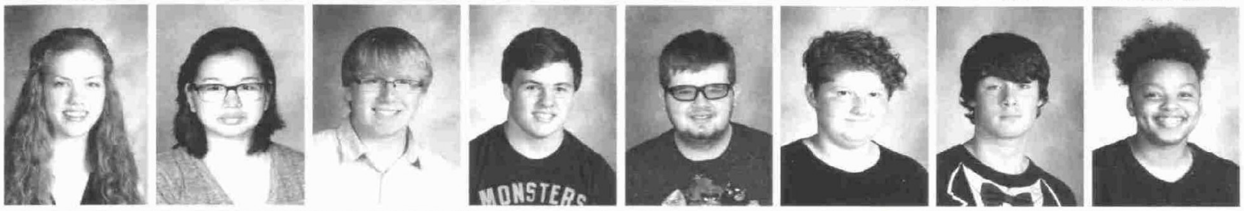

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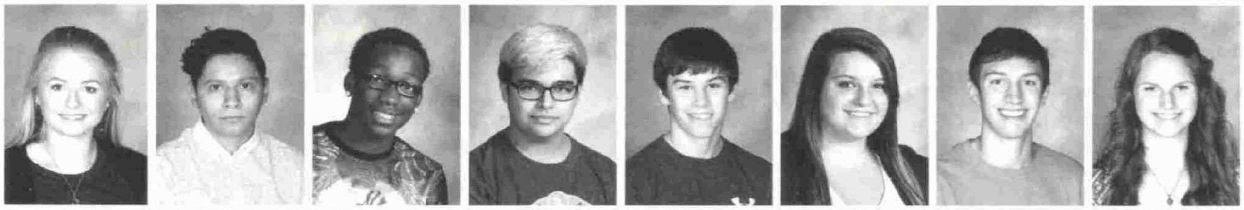

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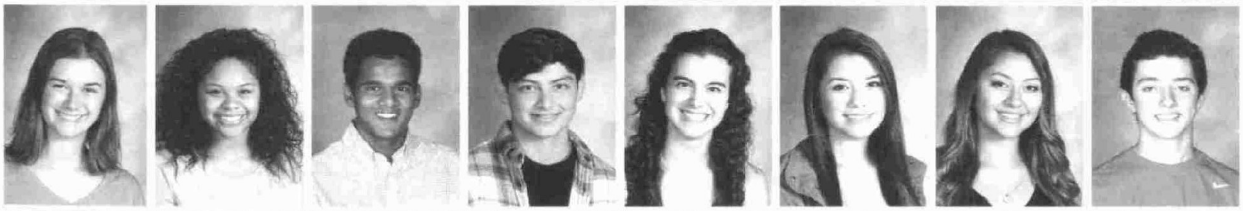

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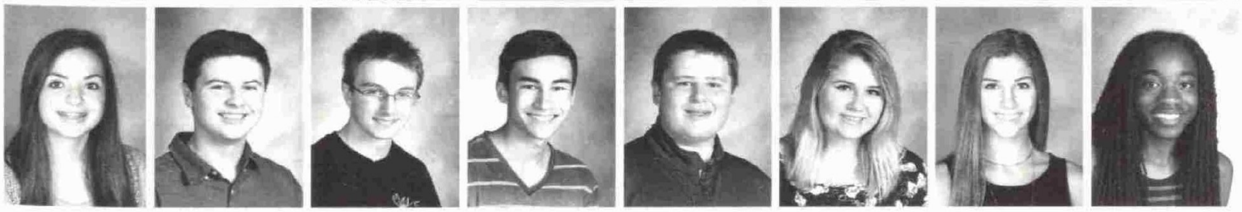

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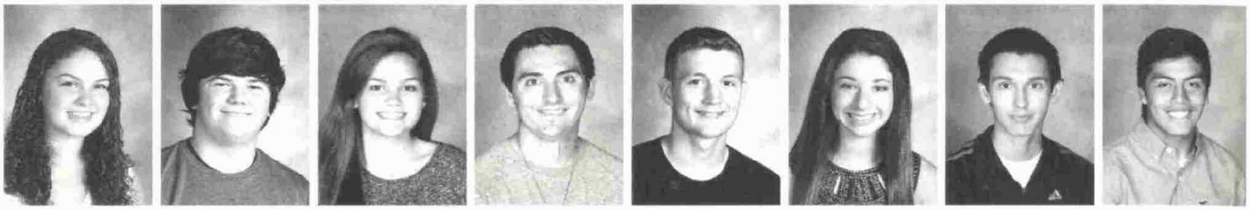

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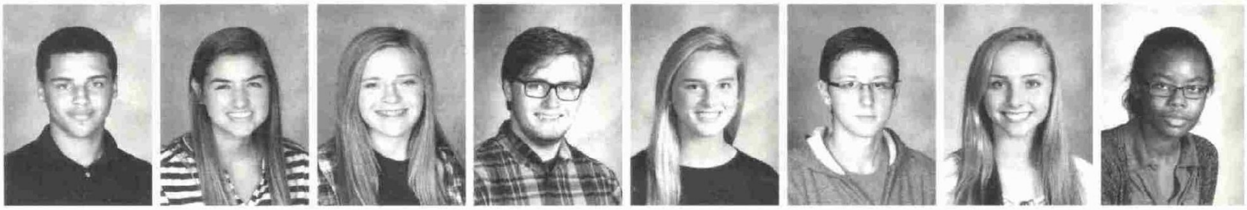

crowning GLORY

While some take a few losses to get to a win, one student won on the first try

By trying something new and embracing her culture at the same time, Rosalinda Deluna, junior, participated and won the Miss Teen Indiana Latina Pageant 2015. Being the first pageant she ever participated in, Rosalinda surpised herself by winning.

"I won the title to proudly represent my generation of Latina teens," Rosalinda said. "I hopefully inspired anyone that I come across, no matter the age or race."

Though the dresses and makeup were really fun, the competition truly showed appreciation for the Latina culture.

"My favorite part of the whole competition was getting to know all the other girls who participated," Rosalinda said. "I made some really good friends, and I know I have girls to talk to if I ever need anything."

After winning Miss Teen Indiana Latina, Rosalinda began to prepare for the National competition,

"I feel like Nationals gave me an amazing opportunity to represent my culture publicly," Rosalinda said. "I believed that I have always been able to represent my culture, but now I was able to do it with a sash and crown."

MISS
TEEN INDIANA LATINA

CROWN JEWELS Wearing her crown and sash at Centennial Park, Rosalinda Deluna, junior, smiles at the memory of winning Miss Teen Indiana Latina 2015. The pageant was linked to the national organization Miss U.S. Latina, the next step beyond the teen competition.

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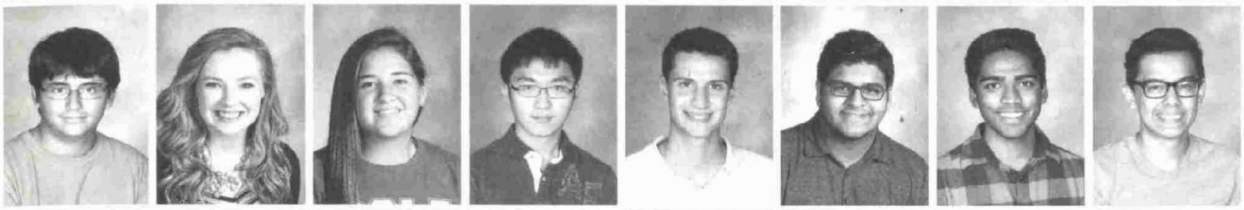

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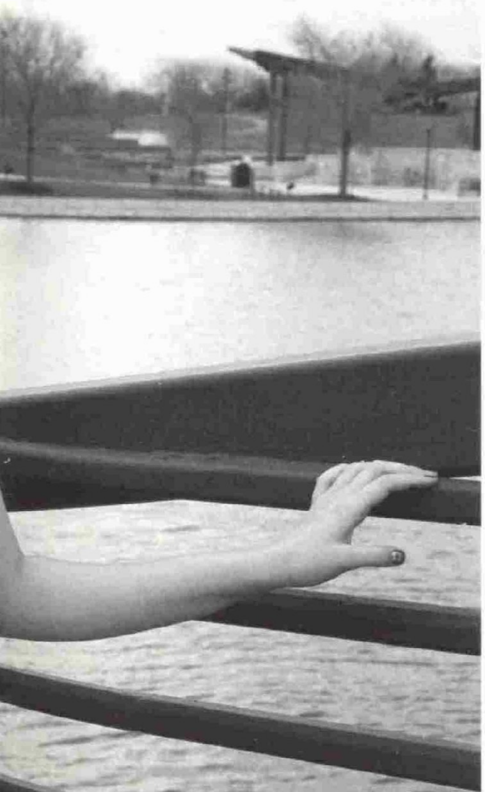

BY A HAIR As she prepared to get on set for a photo shoot, Rosalinda Deluna, junior, gets ready to model. After winning Miss Teen Indiana Latina, Rosalinda modeled for 11:11 hair salon to showcase their hair and makeup. "Doing photo shoots took a lot of time and effort, but they made me feel like a princess," Rosalina said.

ALL IN ONE DAY

For almost ten hours, Rosalinda Deluna, junior, dedicated her time getting her hair and make up done for a photo shoot

2.5 HOURS	HAIR
2 HOURS	MAKE UP
5 HOURS	PHOTO SHOOT

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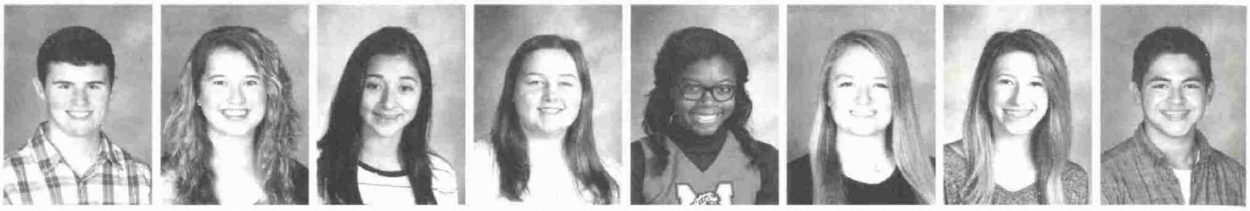

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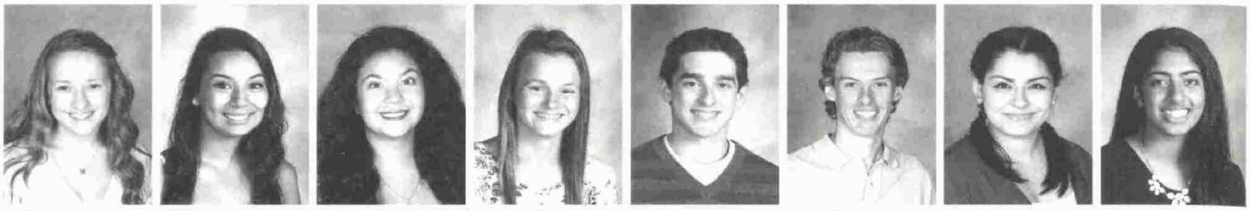

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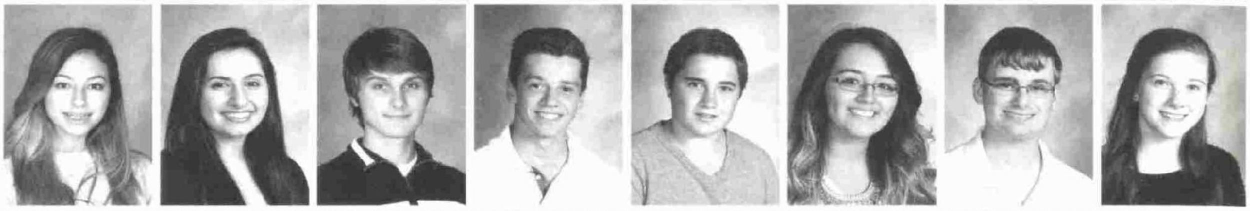

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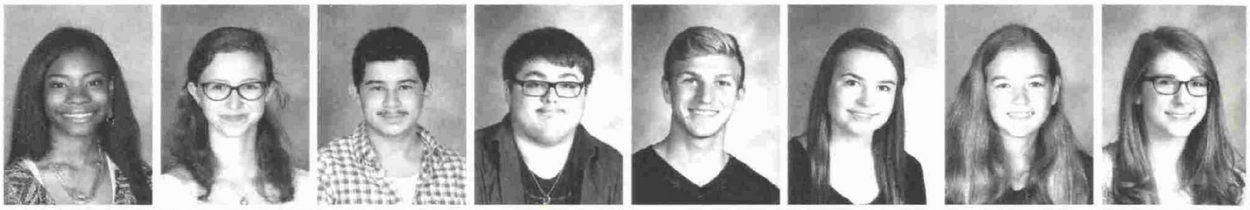

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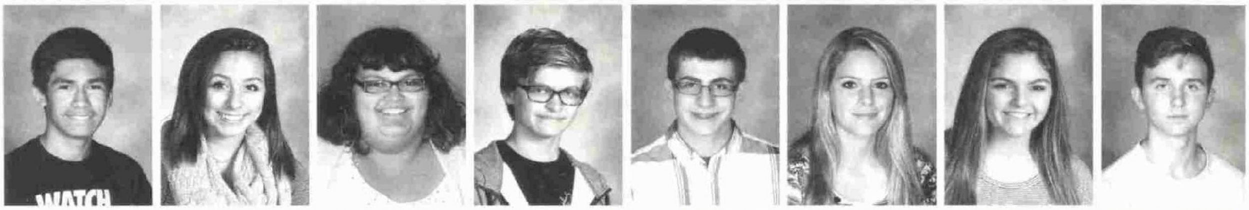

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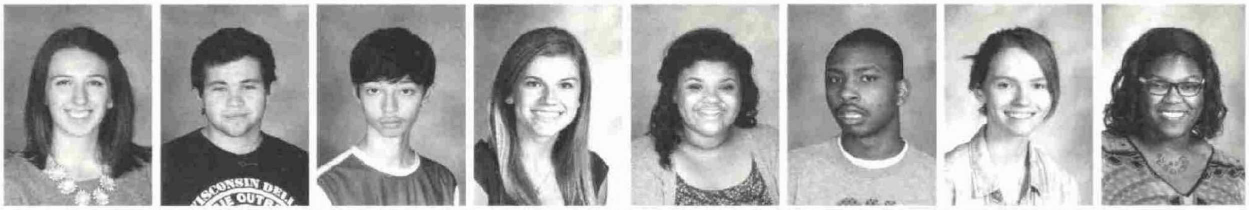

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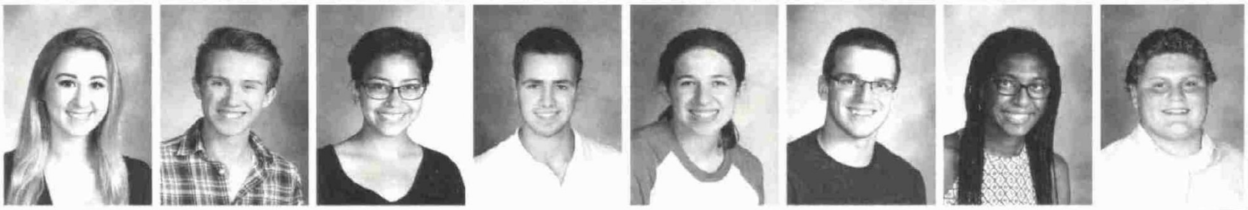

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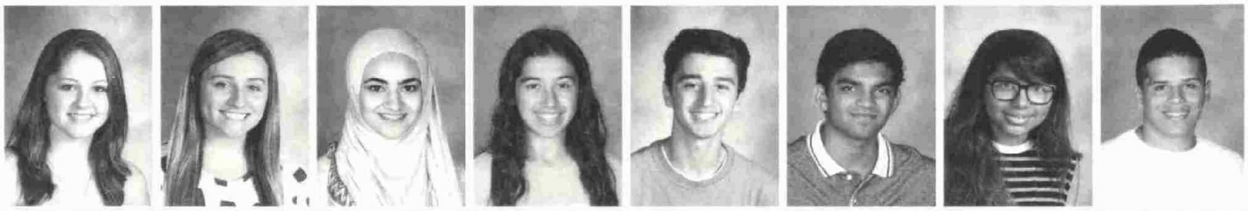

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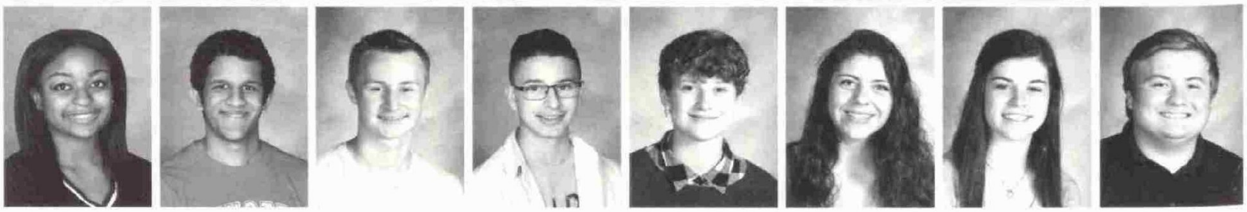


behind THE SCREEN

Michael Riley, junior, helped improve video game development

Left and right; up and down. More often than not, one does not consider how the video game levels they were trying to beat came about. Michael Riley, junior, worked with Ruletech Games, a nonprofit company specializing in game development, in order to create an online learning program. As he rose from the position of Student Instructor for the Programming Team to Project Manager, he eventually became a board member.

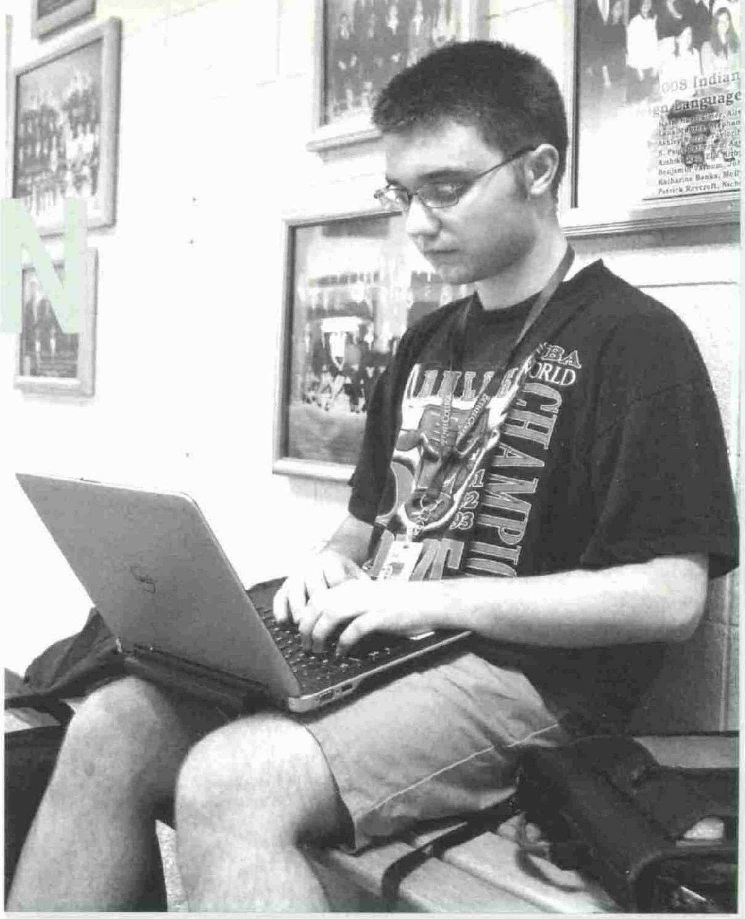
"Once I got promoted to Project Manager, I began overseeing the 3D Modeling and Animation/Art teams, on top of teaching the Programming team, which was what I did as the Student Instructor," Michael said.

As he began his job at Ruletech Games in 2013, the popularity of online games had started decreasing. The company was originally an experiment which included a group of 15 to 20 students from across the country to collaborate on building a network engine based off existing concepts in order to revive the popularity of gaming.

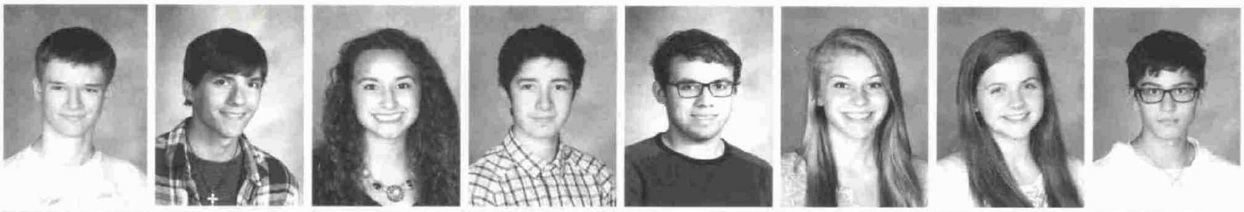
"During this project, we were able to determine that the difficulty of game development and game programming could be adjusted for a lower level of difficulty at a network oriented level," Michael said.

Due to the knowledge Michael already had in programming, he was given the job of developing the necessary materials to create a learning program. However, the biggest reason he was given the job was because he could provide a students perspective.

"I pursued this job mainly because game development is a program that is barely seen in colleges in the U.S.," Michael said. "I felt that other students would enjoy the program, and therefore, I contributed to it because I wanted to see game development grow."



[illegible] Sitting in the commons after lunch, Michael Riley, sophomore, works on finishing up a homework assignment. With a job and schoolwork, Michael tried to be as efficient as possible. "I've been in a handful of projects, most of which I just helped get out of infancy," Michael said. "The last job I did that wasn't involved with Ruletech Games was two years ago when I helped a server suite that was suited for powering MMO games."



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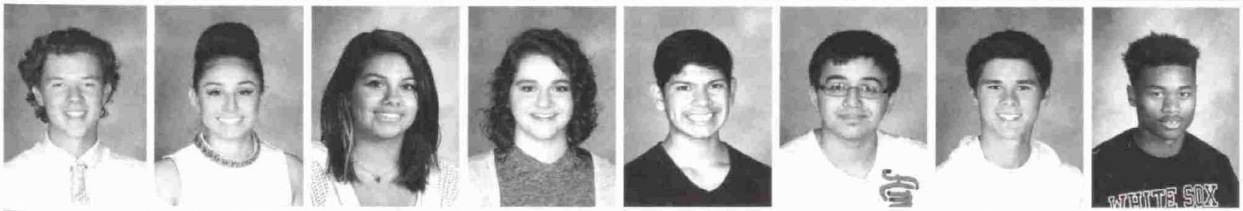

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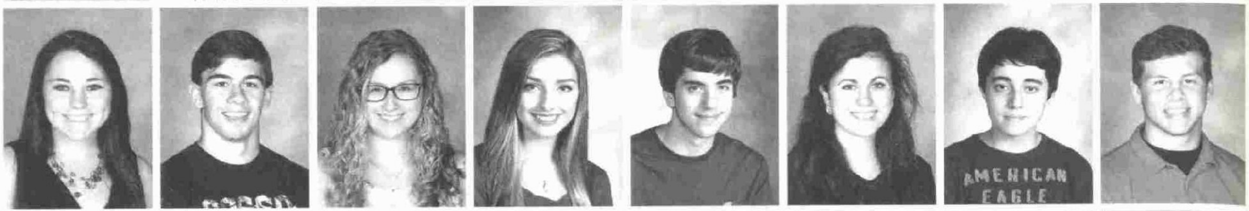

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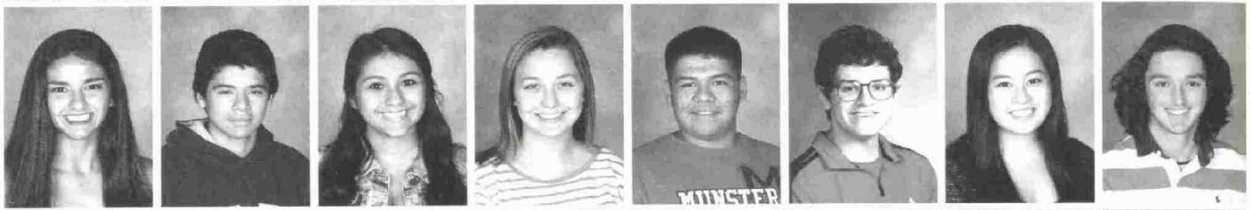

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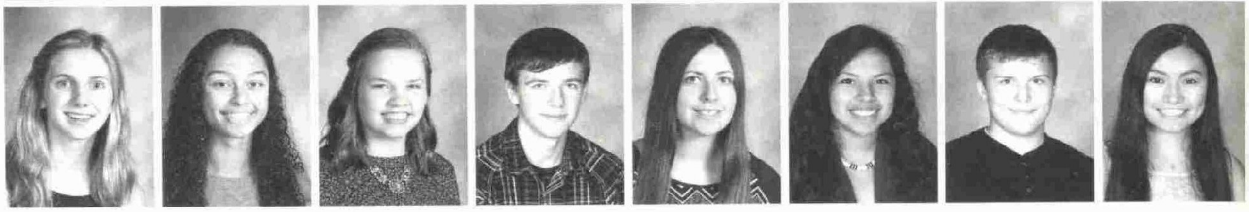


up in THE CLOUDS

Inspired by a flight simulator, Cruz Medina, junior, decided to take his pilot knowledge off the ground

The skyline glimmered below as Cruz Medina, junior, navigated a Cessna 172 plane on the north side of Chicago. After Cruz bought a flight simulator in 2008, he decided to start taking it seriously five years later.

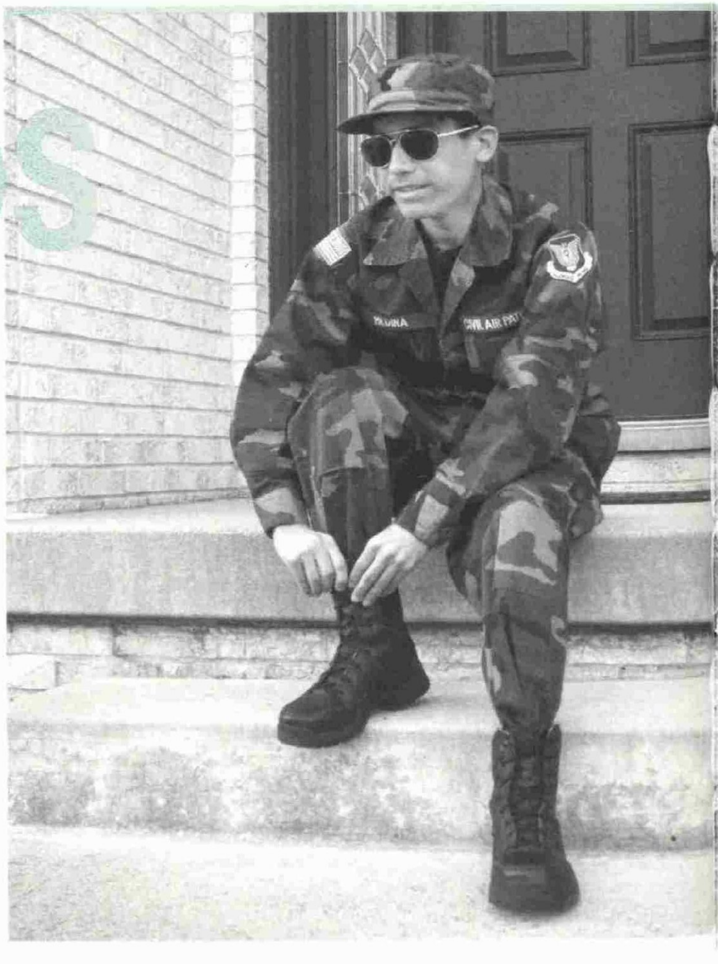
"I got in touch with an old friend whose dad was a pilot for American, and it just took off from there," Cruz said. "The views were easily my favorite part and the feeling of flying was awesome, too."

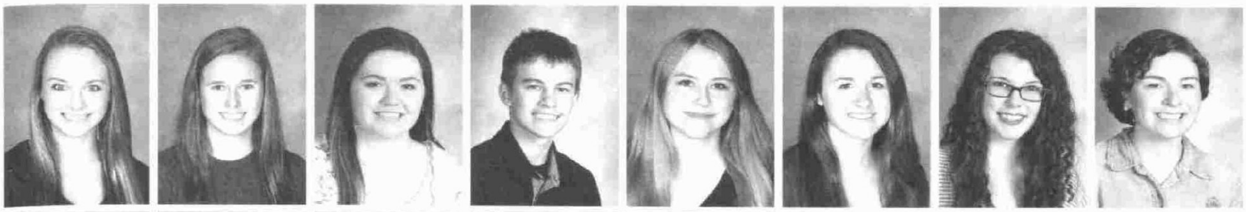
There were many things that Cruz learned before flying such as fuel capacity, wind speed, temperature and atmospheric pressure. He also had to learn how to navigate the planes through difficult weather.

"The most difficult part is when it's a windy day," Cruz said. "Keeping the aircraft stable and flying smoothly is a chore, but usually it's just a comfort issue. Takeoffs and landings are difficult because you have to pay very close attention to many things such as traffic, winds and aircraft performance."

After two years of flying, Cruz decided that he wanted to continue the hobby and develop it into a career, as it had become a passion of his.

"A major reason it's one of my passions is because there is such a great community around aviation," Cruz said. "Whether in real life or in a simulation, the aviation community is one of the greatest and there's a lot of great people that I've met through it and have become good friends with."





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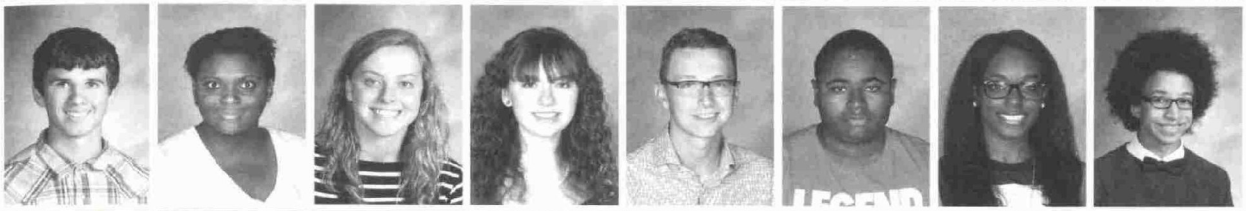

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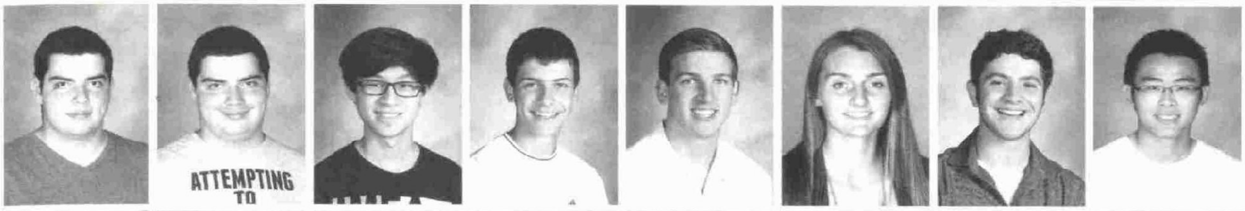

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Peter Zimmers
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Hunter Zukley

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Cameron Bush
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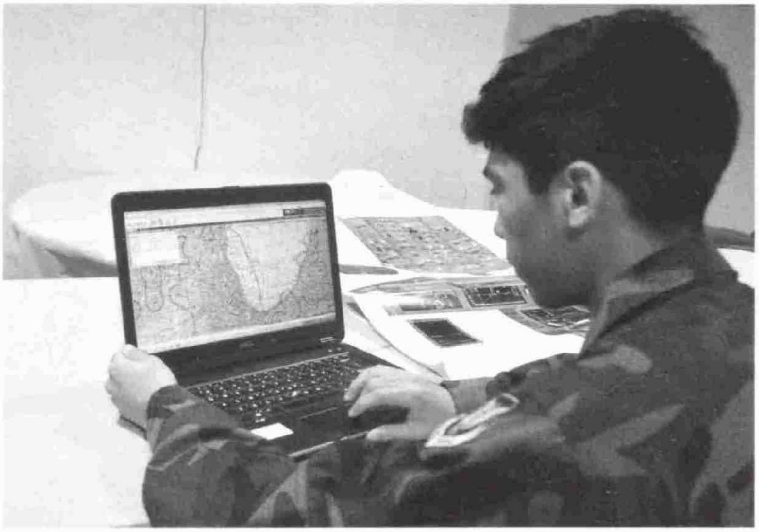
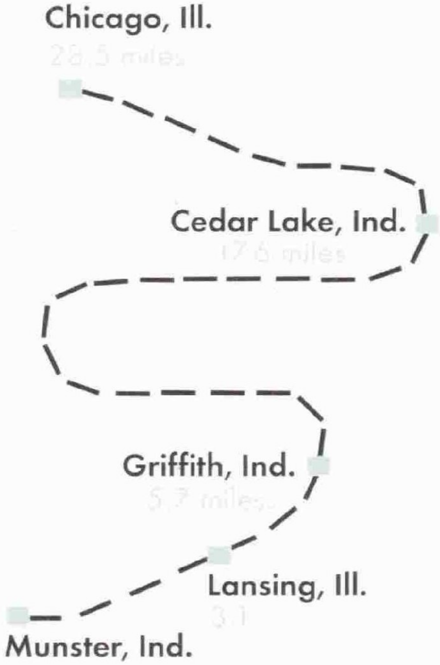
CRUZING AROUND

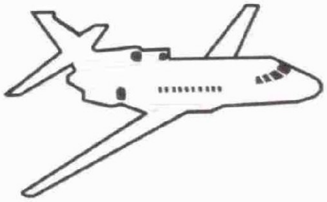
After discovering his passion for flying, Cruz Medina, junior, took flight to a numerous amount of locations



LOOKING FLY Lacing up his boots, Cruz Medina, junior, sports the uniform he wears while flying CAP planes. "The outfit was the BDU uniform of the Civil Air Patrol, which was an auxiliary of the USAF," Cruz said. "That was who I flew with most of the time

ON THE RADAR Keeping his eye on the Aviation Sectinal, Cruz Media, junior, takes notes of the waypoints that are used for navigation adn routing in a flight plane. "I used the Aviation Sectional to navigate through different airspaces and find radio frequencies of VORs," Cruz said.





MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Students took their hobbies to the next level as they pursued their interests in unique and creative ways

BRINGING TO LIFE

Sam Nauracy, junior, describes some of the characters she made in her latest book, Sable, a book about a girl who fights to protect her family from harm.

Character: **ADELAIDE CASSIUS**	Character: **SOLVEIG RUGIAN**
Characteristics: Loyal, stubborn, persistent	**Characteristics:** Caring, compassionate, protective
Objective: To get rid of the negative reputation of her family to keep them safe	**Objective:** Adelaide's boyfriend; to make something of himself while protecting Adelaide

THE BOOKWORM

Starting her freshman year, Sam Nauracy found an outlet to relieve stress and confront some of the problems in her life– writing fantasy novels.

"I like to make the central themes of my book the opposite of what readers would expect," Sam said. "They're usually pretty negative themes, but I think what makes them different from others."

Using a pre-historic time period in mind, Sam's novels focused around themes of disloyalty, broken promises, villains and the gender disparity between women and men. So far, she has completed three novels, taking about five months each to write, with about 350 pages in each.

THE SHOE BEAST

About two years ago, Mark Montella, senior, startd buying and re-selling shoes online. He either took them to various shoe conventions or sold them on his own online feed.

"You buy the shoes for the lowest price you can find, you resell them and you use the profit made to invest in other shoes," Mark said.

Though he only does it as a hobby, Mark hopes to continue the hobby as he goes off to college.

[illegible] Holding on to his shoes, Mark Montella, senior, shows off a few of his collection of 15 pairs of shoes. Mark often bought shoes, cleaned them and resold them. "It's really helped me learn the grips of business," Mark said. "Even if I don't really go into business as a career, it's given me more of a competitive drive and I've made a lot of memories."

SERVICE
ROAD
ONLY

[illegible] Sitting on the windowsill, Sam Nauracy, junior, peers through a book in the media center. "What I love most about writing is that it lasts," Sam said. "When you kind of focus a character around yourself, you're creating a piece of work that, whether it's published or not, can last forever."

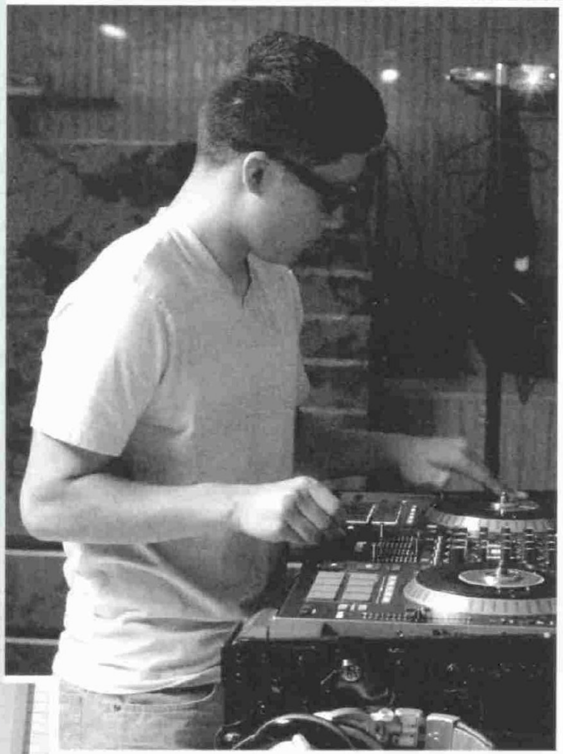
FLYNN TEAMWORK Working on two dresses they made for a convention, seniors Emily and Lauren Flynn pin their dresses to adjust them. Emily and Lauren wore the dresses to a convention. "Our grandmother started us off on sewing," Lauren said. "I'd sit on the floor and watch her turn out all sorts of items."

SISTERS BY SEAMS

Instead of finding their dresses at the store, seniors Emily and Lauren Flynn made their own out of a sewing machine and fabric or up-cycled dresses.

"Between the both of us, we had made about 84 dresses," Emily said. "We made them for anime or comic book conventions and for most of the school dances."

While Emily bought fabric and sewed patterns together, Lauren took existing dresses and re-made them, which took either an hour or three days.



THE MUSIC MAN

At 16 years old, Sky Flores, junior, showcased his DJ-ing skills multiple times on WJOB, gained over 1.5 thousand followers on his Soundcloud account and has performed in multiple venues across the region.

"I have worked really hard to put myself out there," Sky said. "Being so young it can be difficult, but I'm able to go around to different venues in the region and just play in front of people for a night.

Keeping himself busy through broadcasting his music through social media outlets, Sky also has been worked on advancing onto making his own beats and music.

FINDING HIS BEAT Using his two years of experience behind his turntable, Sky Flores, junior, plays his newest mix off his Souncloud. He tried to make his own beats as of this year. "I want to do more than just mix songs together," Sky said. "I think if I get really good at it, maybe one day another DJ starting off will be able to use my own music in their sets."

THE MOVIE STAR

Ever since 2008, Cody Reinsma, sophomore, has directed, filmed, and edited videos onto a Youtube account, DOPFilms.

"So far we made about 25 published videos on our channel," Cody said. "We were mainly a comedy-based film channel, but we tried new things whenever we could."

With about 40 subscribers to his channel, Cody made the videos using his own software and equipment.

"All I needed was that one good film and the right people to see it," Cody said. "I thought one day I would catch my break, but until then I was just filmmaking for the purpose of enjoyment, regardless of who saw it."

THE SHOW GOES ON Filming a scene for his YouTube channel, DOPFfilms, outside the auditorium, Cody Reinsma, sophomore, gets behind the camera to film Joseph McCraw, freshman, Camille Jancosek, senior, and Ben Peters, freshman. "Our videos usually made it to a hundred views," Cody said. "The number of views didn't matter, it was that people who saw it liked it."

Miranda Adams
Carl Adindu
Reem Alsakaji
Mohammad Alshamaileh
Julian Alvarado
Brianna Alvarez
Jacob Anderson
Jordan Andric

Lissette Araya
Michael Archer
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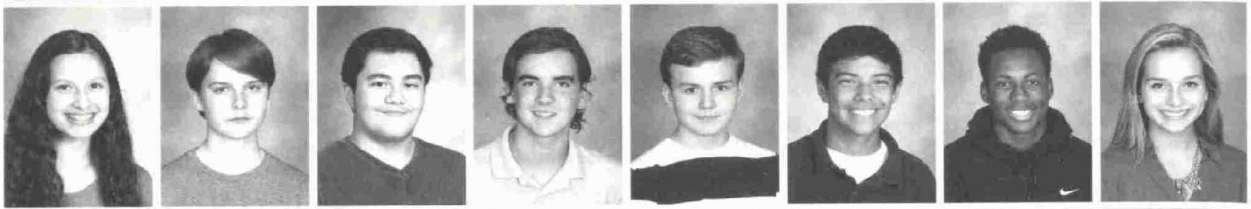

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Christopher Bedenk
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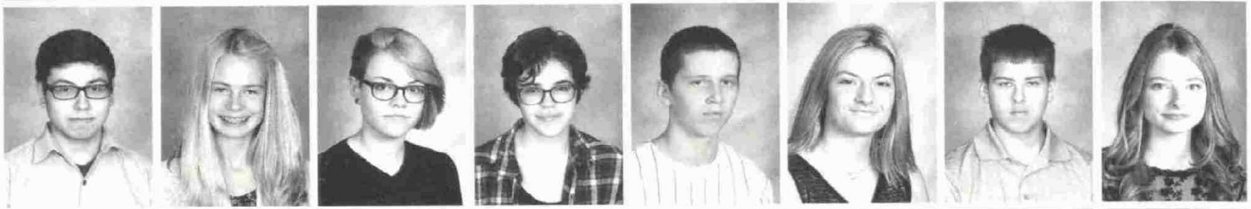

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Raheem Butler
Alexandra Campbell
Kelli Canul
Richard Caraher
Alainna Carey
Monique Castro

a faith IN SKATES

Sophomores Vivian Wei and Emma Progler skated on competitive levels

Fascinated by the art of ice skating at a young age, sophomores Emma Progler, who started at age eight, and Vivian Wei, who started at age ten, decided to strap on their own skates and hit the ice. Skating competitively as a soloist, Vivian trained about four days a week and competed throughout the Midwest. As a part of a synchronized team and a soloist, Emma trained seven days a week, sometimes leaving school an hour early to make it to practice.

"When I needed to get away from school, it was all I wanted to do," Emma said. "I skated every day, and woke up at 4 a.m. every Saturday to practice. I considered it my social life."

In addition to her daily practices, Emma also competed at the national level in Portland, Ore. When competing individually, the girls were ranked by five judges based on jumps, spins, footwork and technique, according to Vivian.

"Competitions were fun, but I didn't do it for trophies," Vivian said. "It was an amazing blend of sport and art."

Emma and Vivian both hoped to skate throughout high school and college, competitively or recreationally. To them, skating was more than a hobby.

"The most important thing I learned from skating was not to be afraid to fall," Emma said. "There had been plenty of times where I made mistakes, but I learned to deal with it and work harder so it wouldn't happen again."

BREAKING THE ICE Practicing one of her programs at Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park, Ill., Emma Progler, sophomore, prepares to perform a jump. "At practices, I spent time practicing my element, went through my program and worked with a trainer one-on-one on some technique and jumps," Emma said.

Leah Chavez
Guhao Chen
Thalia Chioros
Amanda Chipules
Deandre Christian
Calvin Christiansen
Emilee Cobb
Messiah Cobb

Kendall Coleman
Evan Conway
Max Corner
Cody Crary
Nicole Crowe
Annacoleen Cruz
Nadia Cruz
Naya Culpepper

Meochia Cummings
Nicholas Curski
Anna Dabrowski
Louis Dallecarbonare
Anthony Daniels
Caleb Davies
Nathalie De La Torre
Arvind Debie

Danielle Decesaris
Katie Dedelow
Michaela Del Rio
Peter Delis
Allison Demeter
Mara Dicarlo
Brooke Dills
Madison Dinga

Mariah Dixon
Katherine Dodgson
Rebecca Dodgson
Molly Dolan
Michael Dolinski
Zachary Dong
Steven Doyle
Joshua Dragicevich

Richard Drwiega
Evan Dubose
Mackenzie Duff
Taylor Dvorscak
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Michael Edington
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MUSICAL DRESSES

Match sophomore Vivian Wei's dress with the song she used

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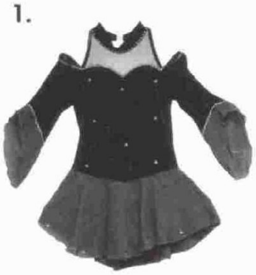

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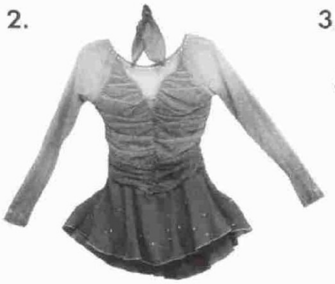

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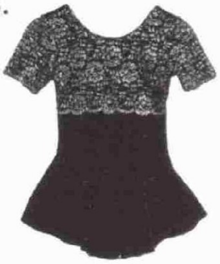

A. HUNGARIAN DANCE BY BRAHMS
A fun dance piece inspired by Hungarian folk themes

B. CANON IN D BY PACHELBEL
A soft, slow piece usually used in weddings and graduation

C. DANCING DOLL BY [illegible]
A soft, yet upbeat piece characterized with heavy violin

[illegible]

Source: Vivian Wei, sophomore

Alexander Eismin
Olivia Eldert
Zachary Eng
Erika Escutia
Benjamin Favela
Olivia Ferrer
Taylor Fishman
Jacob Fitch

Jacob Fitch
Micah Flahaven
Rashaun Flanagan-Seels
Alejandro Flores
Olivia Foley
James Forde
John Foster
Neil Gainer

Colin Gaither
Camille Gallicho
Kaylee Galvan
Sarah Gandarilla
Elise Garcia
Kimberly Giannini
Hannah Giba
Justin Gill

Justin Gill
Jacqueleen Gonzalez
Bradley Goralczyk
Devin Grabelle
John Groen
Dakota Gronkiewicz
Haleigh Gronwold
Anthony Guba

Alejandro Guerrero
Eveen Haddad
Gavin Hamilton
Gwynn Hammermeister
Emma Hand
Morgan Hanenburg
Haley Hargrove
Anjelina Haro

Jonathan Harris
Emma Harvath
Brian Hathaway
Jaycee Helmer
Sierra Helton
Jake Hemingway
Haley Hensley
Estanislao Herrera

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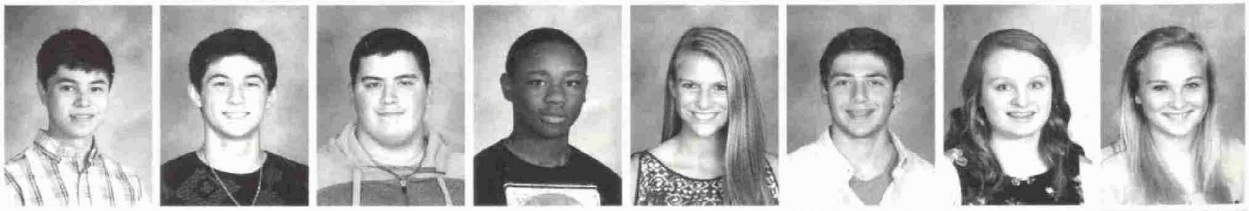

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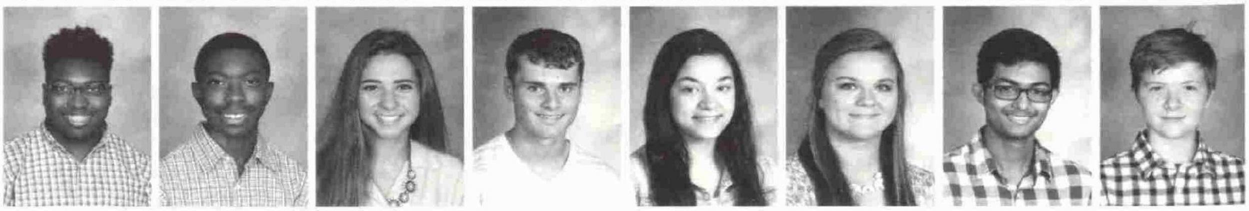
Jordan Hyberger
Khaleel Igue
Gabrielle Ingoglia
Marco Ivetich
Grace Iwachiw
Chloe Jancosek



Malcolm Jasper
Josiah Johnson
Sarah Johnson
Jack Jones
Mariah Juarez
Amy Kaniewski
Mihir Kansara
Daniel Kapitan

four TO ADORE

Quadruplets described how they shared differences within similarities

A common question among quadruplet sophomores Maxwell, Dominick, Francesca and Isabella Servi, was "What was it like?", but for these four, it was simple: It's normal. Growing up with no other siblings, the two boys and two girls were alike—but also different.

"It's hard to answer a question asking what it's like because I don't know what it's like to not be a quadruplet," Francesca said.

The four siblings all considered themselves just that: siblings— that happen to share the same birthday.

"The house was always crowded and busy," Isabella said. "I mean, it's not really weird to us, so it's funny to hear that people think it would be something so different than what we tell them."

The quadruplets considered themselves different, with a vast majority of interests, according to Dominick.

"We shared some similarities, but when it came to our likes and dislikes," Maxwell said. "We do our own thing."

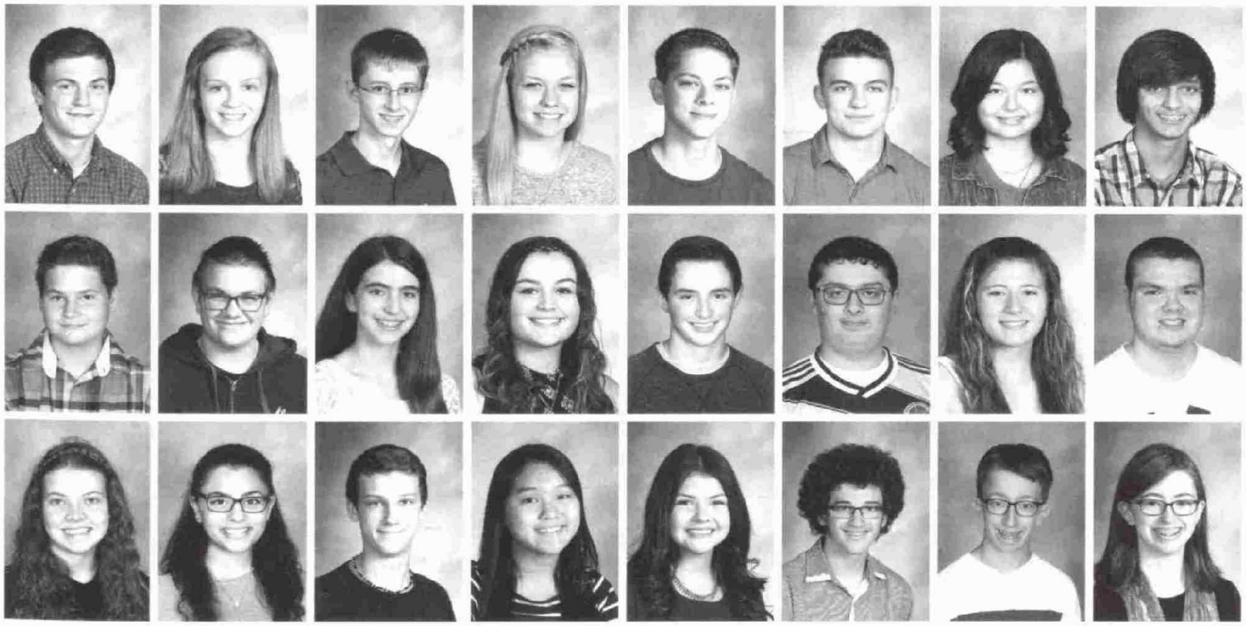
ISABELLA:
Favorite color: Silver
Subject: ASL
Food: Pasta

FRANCESCA:
Favorite color: Green/blue
Subject: Art Class
Food: Chocolate

MAXWELL:
Favorite color: Orange
Subject: Math
Food: Pizza

DOMINICK:
Favorite color: Purple
Subject: History
Food: Cheeseburgers

QUAD SQUAD Between Maxwell, Dominick, Francesca and Isabella, the sophmore quadruplets, shown chatting in the library, bond over the Marvel and D.C. movies. They also liked to watch YouTube videos when they had free time. "Normally around the house we will be doing different things," Maxwell said. "But we do bond over small things, like our TV preferences and even music."



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Paige Kessler
Christopher Kirincic
Keegan Kisala
Emma Klefeker
Brandon Kleist

Matthew Klys
Adam Kojich
Kali Konstantinopoulos
Britney Kozinski
Cody Kranc
Kinan Kudaimi
Lauren Kuipers
Cameron Kwasigroch

Zoe Lakomek
Tara Layous
Ryan Leahy
Ji Yoon Lee
Mackenzie Leick
Matthew Levin
Ethan Levy
Hannah Levy

taking CENTER STAGE

At eight years old, Chloe Jancosek, sophomore, started up her theater career

From *Jesus Christ Superstar* to the lead role in *Annie*, ever since Chloe Jancosek started her theater career at the age of five, she has participated in over twenty musicals and plays. Starting off at Towle Theater in Hammond, Chloe worked her way up to star in shows at the Star Plaza Theater in Schererville and then advanced on to Provisions in Chicago.

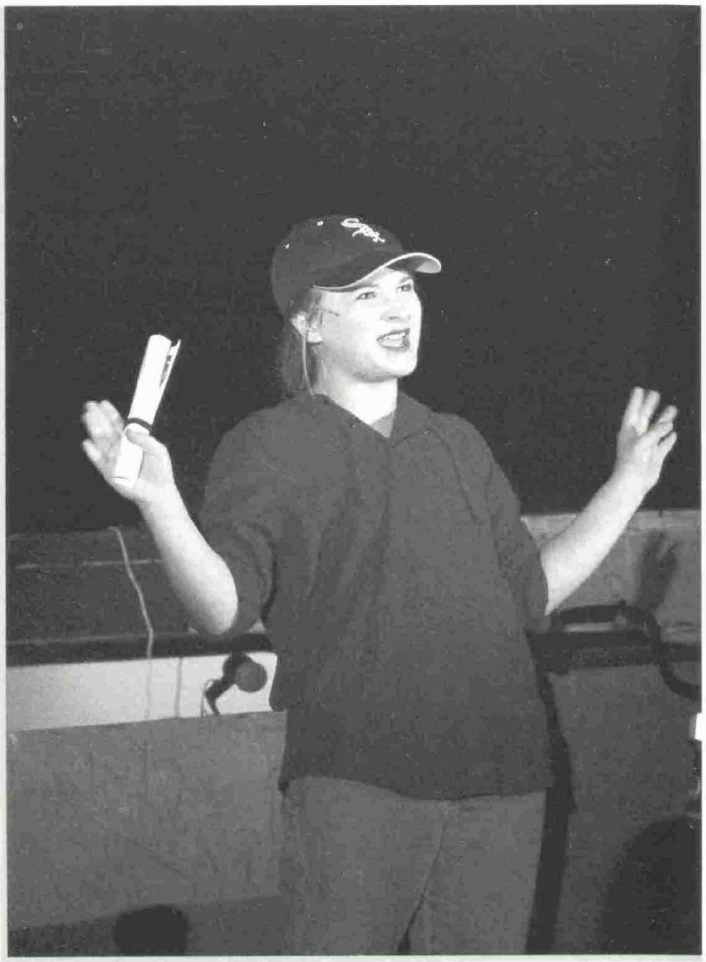
"I started doing theater about ten years ago because all of my sisters participated in it," Chloe said. "But after my first show, I fell in love with it. To this day, I still loved it. I knew it was what I wanted to do with my career."

So far in her career, some of Chloe's biggest accomplishments ranged from participating in her first paid show, her first show in Chicago and starting her first directing job at Wilbur Wright Middle School.

"I loved always being somehow involved with theater," Chloe said. "I kept myself very busy this year, especially, doing about eight shows this last year alone. With each show taking about two-to-four months, it took up about my entire year."

Yet constantly going to auditions, memorizing lines and attending rehearsals was all worth the finishing product and the relationships she built, according to Chloe. She hopes to continue her theater career into attending an arts school in New York City.

"The environment and people involved was something so special," Chloe said. "There were people I still talk to from my first show. Whether it was a cast of ninety people or eight, everyone just connected in such a personal way. I knew it is something I wanted to be in for the rest of my life."



WORKING HER MAGIC As the role of John, Chloe Jancosek, sophomore, performs in the Fall musical *Working*. Chloe often worked on a school production and her theater's production at the same time, going from practce-to-practice every day. "I loved being able to put myself on stage and be a completely different person," Chloe said. "It helped people open up from their shells and show a side of them people didn't know."

ROLE-ING WITH IT

Since the age of five, Chloe Jancosek has played the part of many different roles

2008 Alice in *Alice and Wonderland* Towle Theater in Hammond, Ind.

2011 Annie in *Annie* Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Ind.

2015 Mary in *The Secret Garden* Munster High School

2016 Francis in *The Burnt Part Boys* Towle Theater in Hammond, Ind.

Merrick Lieser
Vaughn Lolkema
Silvia Lombardo
Andrea Lopez
Justin Lukowski
Elian Magana
Fatima Mahmood
Isabella Malagon

Thomas Maloney
Aleksandra Manojlovic
Matthew Manous
Anastasia Margaris
Lindsey Martin
Jari Martinez
Silvia Martinez
Sara Mavity

Matthew McCraw
Amanda McCullough
Steven McDunn
James McKeever
Christopher McLeod
Connor McLeod
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Ian Miller
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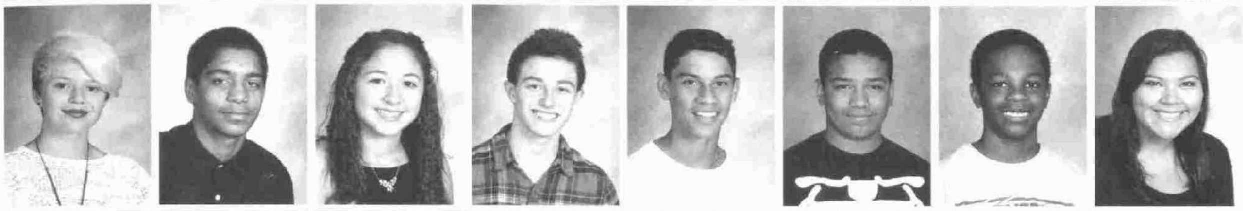

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Karina Monjaras
Zackery Montes
Noah Montoya
Braedin Moore
Robert Moore
Taylor Moreno

Emily Mudroncik
Citlali Munoz
Citlaly Munoz
Rebecca Munoz
Jack Murphy
Nimeh Musleh
Sofia Navarro
Adam Nawab

Abigail Negri
Matilde Nelson
Helen Newton
Michael Nieminski
Abigail Nita
Kwame Nnuro-Frimpong
Joshua Novosel
Christina Nowaczyk

Lauryn Nunez
Connor Nussbaum
Colin O'Brien
Megan O'Brien
Zoe O'Dea
Samantha O'Donnell
Arlee O'Shaughnessy
Adaobi Okolocha

Ameerah Omar
Diana Ortiz
Vanessa Pascual
Ryanna-Kimberly Pastrana
Aneri Patel
Sunny Patel
Halen Paz
Khavand Peddi

Alexis Pedraza
Julia Pena
Amanda Perez
Cody Phillips
Brianna Plemons
Aavery Poelinitz
Lilian Porter
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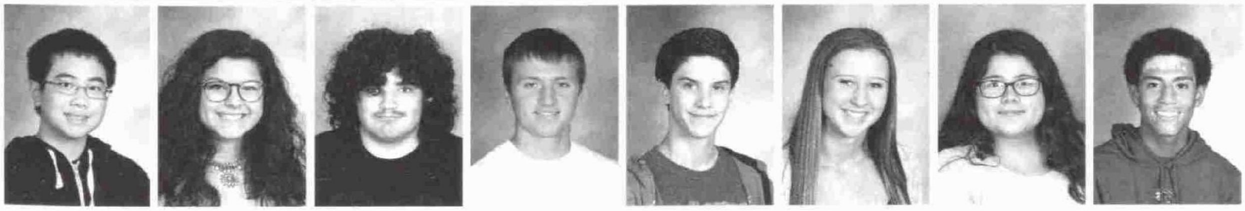

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Joseph Richard

Aaron Richards
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Breanna Riordan
Abigail Rivera
Samantha Rivera
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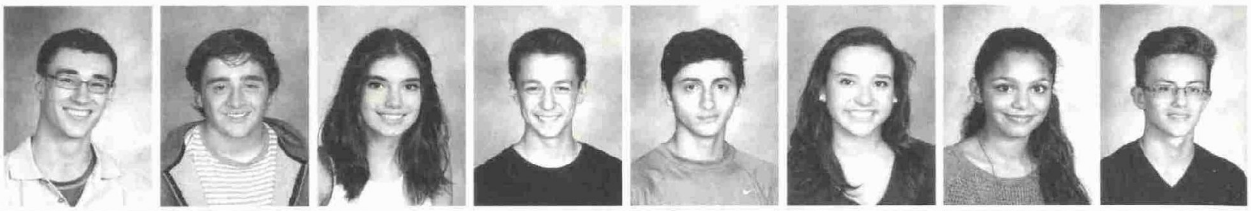

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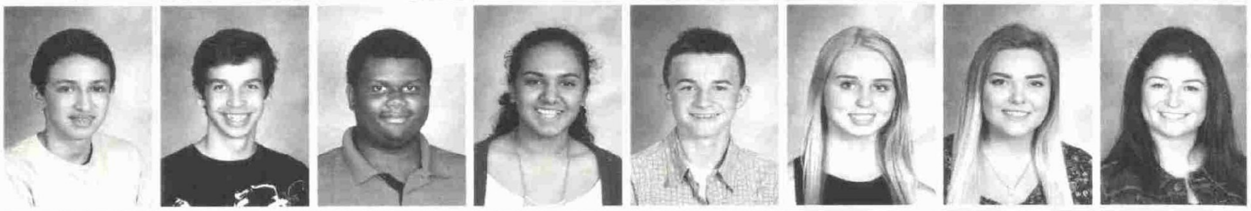

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Jenna Sell
Dominick Servi
Francesca Servi
Isabella Servi
Maxwell Servi
Ria Shah

Nathan Sharpe
Benjamin Shelton
Alexandria Shinkan
Owais Siddiqui
Rayyan Siddiqui
Brandon Silver
Cameron Smith
Russell Smith

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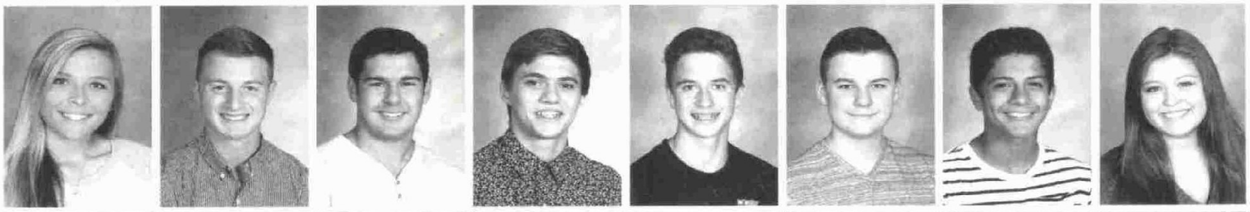

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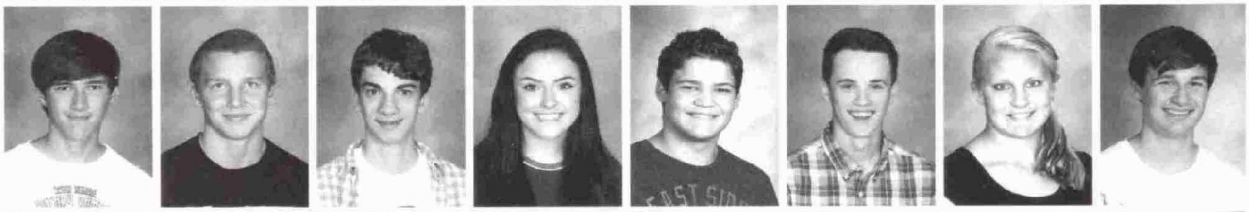

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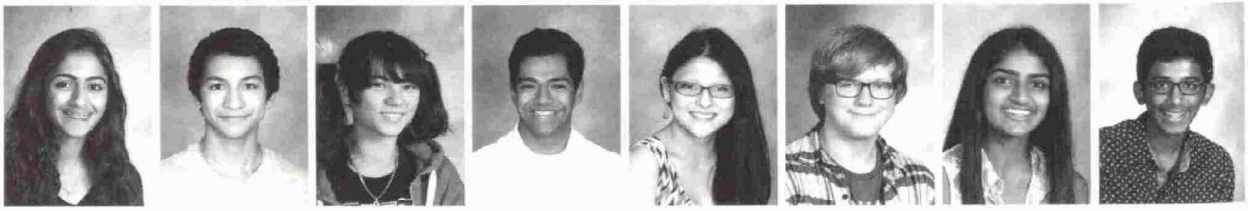

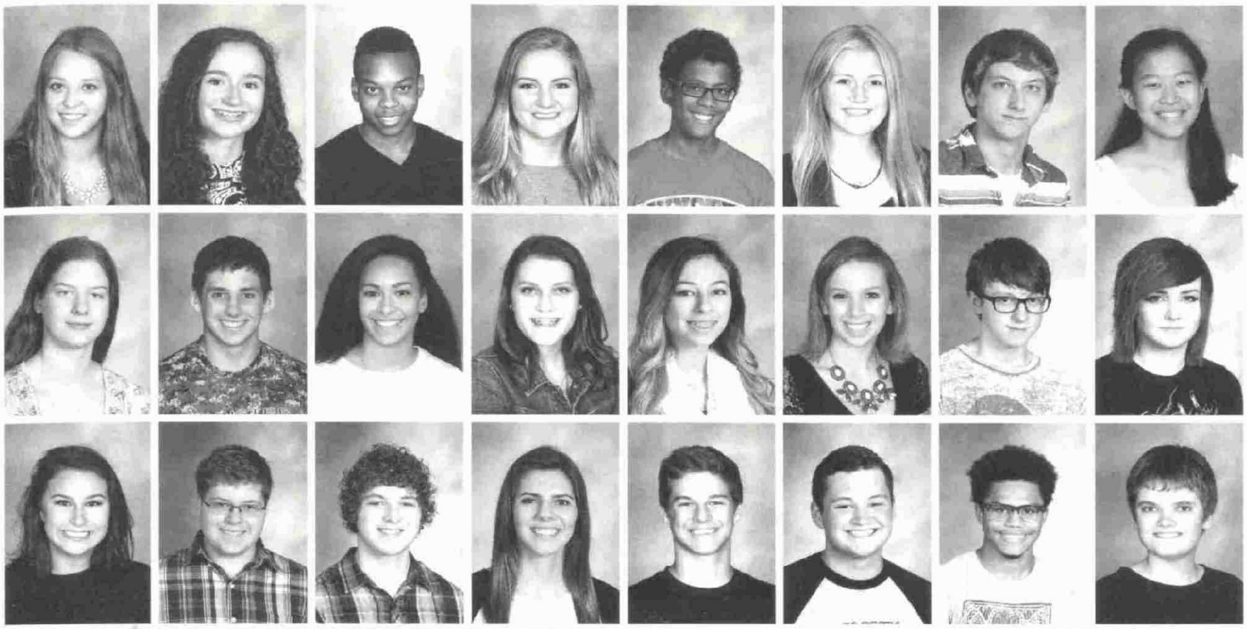

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Alexander Weakland
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Laura Weller
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Jessica Wiess
Erin Wilkens
Victoria Williams
Ethan Witt
Michelle Wojciechowski

Megan Wolski
Ian Woolsey
Samuel Woolsey
Alexandra Wright
Joseph Yoniles
Jeremiah Yuhas
Andrew Zachary
Jason Zajac

Andrew Zajakowski
Amanda Zak
Sophia Zavala
Kendal Ziel

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Caleb Cala
Chloe Faubion
Emri Foreit
John Gerber

Jalen Johnson
Alyssa Pawlik
Michaela Watts
Qianbo Zhao

pineapple OF HER EYE

With a love for pineapples, Molly Dolan, sophomore, described the part they play in her life

Pineapples. Just a fruit, right? For most people it might be, but for Molly Dolan, sophomore, it means much more.

"My pineapple obsession began around three years ago," Molly said. "Honestly, it's just my favorite fruit- there's no reason behind it. They are always my go-to food."

The taste, the texture and the color were all factors that contributed to Molly's adoration for pineapples, according to Molly. She even plans to eventually grow them when she is older.

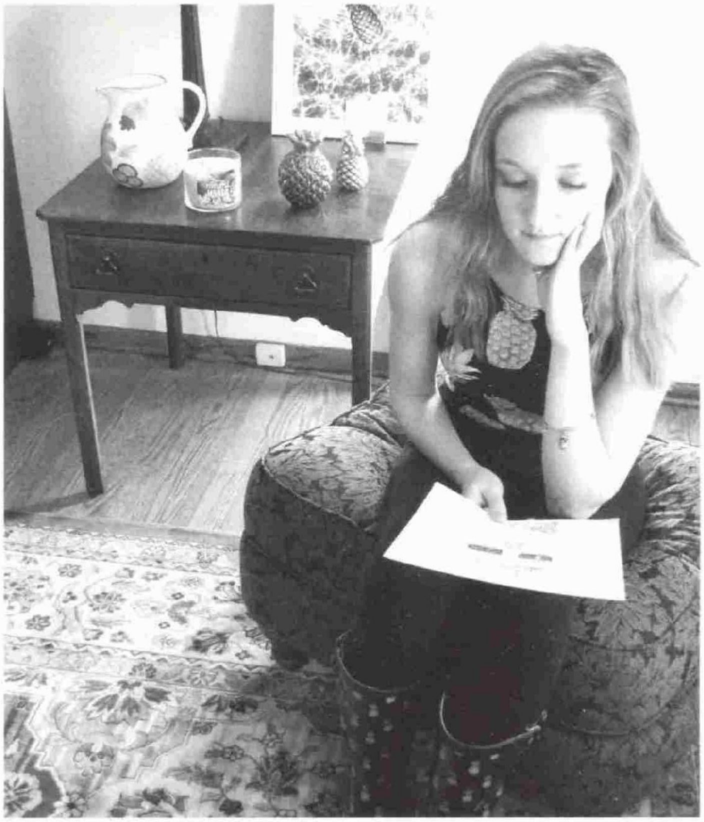
"I once tried to grow them at my own house in a mason jar," Molly said. "Unfortunately, it didn't really work, but I know in the future I will have my own pineapple garden."

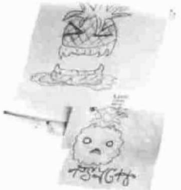
In addition to her love for the fruit, she also began to foster her obsession in a more creative way, by having it inspire a lot of the artwork she made, as well as her bedroom decor.

"I had a lot of little pineapple knick-knacks and clothing, but what I really love and took pride in was the pineapple drawings I made that hang in my room," Molly said. "I have done some pretty cool drawings, and it was always fun to work with them."

While it was just an ordinary fruit to most people, Molly saw it as a lifelong obsession of hers. Whether it included receiving pineapple-themed gifts from her family members or looking up pictures of the fruit during class, her love for the fruit was never something she felt embarrassed about, according to Molly.

"I don't really care if people think it's cool or not," Molly said. "I think ii's funny to see people's reactions, but it really makes me stand out and feel unique. People would call me the Pineapple Princess, and what's cooler than that?"





FRUIT FAD Molly Dolan, sophomore, sketched pineapples

PINEAPPLE PRINCESS With many classmates calling her the Pineapple Princess, Molly Dolan, sophomore, reflected on her drawings and how she gained inspiration from the pineapples. Molly often collected pineapple knick-knacks, including a ceramic pineapple and bracelets. "I've done some pretty cool drawings I've gotten inspiration from before," Molly said. "I'm an artist so to use pineapples in my stuff is nice. And yellow's my favorite color, so it works."

START HERE: Do you have homework?

No

No

Yes

Yes

My teacher didn't assign any

I finished in class

I have way too much...

...but I didn't do it

Are you eligible to drive?

Did you take gym class?

Are you doing anything in hall?

No

Yes

No

Yes

I'm still finishing last night's homework

I have to get a ride

I am taking Drivers Ed

Are you taking AP classes?

Did you take speech this year?

Are you taking health class?

No

I already took it

EASY AS ABCS During gym class, Kelsey Pappas, freshman, plays a game of volleyball with her classmates. "I really enjoy playing volleyball because it's a fun sport that's not too hard," Kelsey said.

No

Yes

SNOOZE YOU LOSE Starting off the morning tired, Madelynn Moore, senior, watches as some students tend to use their study hall for nap time." First hour no one is awake yet, and nothing to do in the mornings," Madelynn said.

No

Yes

Yes

It's not required to graduate

I'm in it right now

I'm in it now

I will next year

All I do is sleep

I still have to take it to graduate

Which formula is most familiar?

Prabably too many

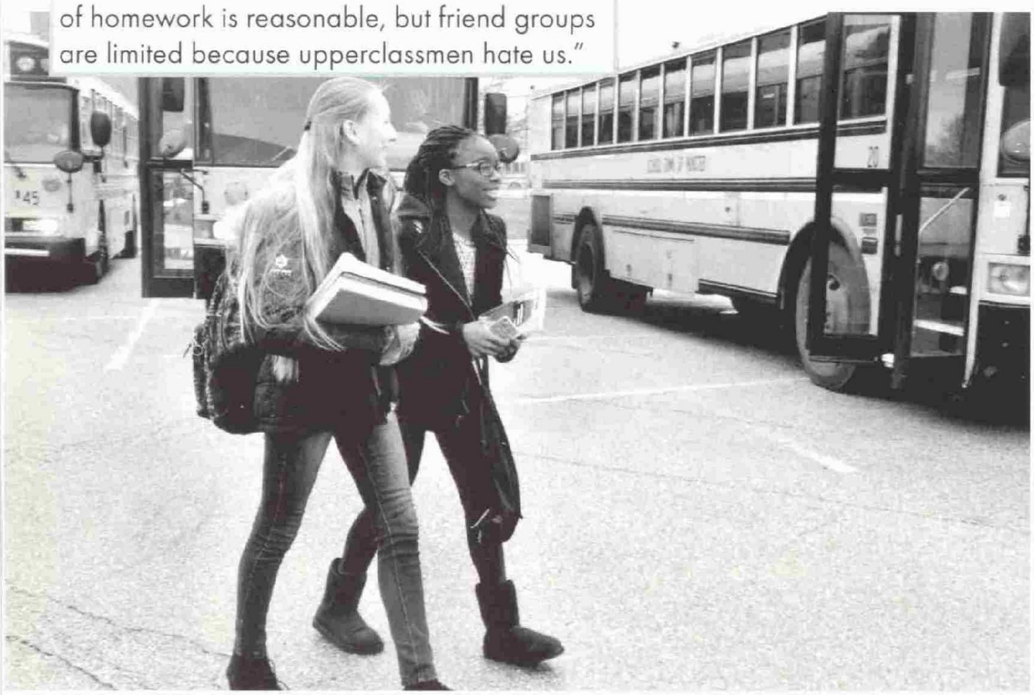
slope-intercept formula

pythagorean theorem

quadratic formula

You're a freshman

"Freshmen are known for being immature," Cade Howard, freshman, said. "The amount of homework is reasonable, but friend groups are limited because upperclassmen hate us."



BUS BUDDY Heading home, freshmen Alina Hillegands, and Annie Abioye walk to the bus. The girls parted when it was time to board their buses. "Freshman year helped me be more confident and find new friends." Alina said.

You're a sophomore

"Upperclassmen still think we are annoying and teachers give us more homework our sophomore year," Mara DiCarlo, sophomore, said. "The good thing is that we are less confused and high school isn't as scary anymore."

A BITE TO EAT Everyday during lunch, sophomores Hansa Vavilala, Connor Meyer, Olivia Eldert, Jack Strimel, Shannon Hocker, and Evan Dong laugh, eat, and conspire about their classes together. "You never know what anyone is going to say," Jack said. "I enjoy sitting with my friends because I always get a good laugh."

WHAT'S MY GRADE AGAIN?

Flow through the chart to see your grade

Because I...

I was too busy hanging out with friends

I was too busy filling out college apps

PREACHING POLICIES Sitting at his desk, Mr. Michael Gordon, social studies teacher, discusses important government issues including public policy.

Are you going to Prom?

Do you like government class?

No

Yes

Government class?

I know what public policy is

What is your struggle?

I always have next year

I should because it's my last dance

#tired

What are you doing this weekend?

Probably something I shouldn't

Have you written 5 essays in 1 semester?

#bored

No

Yes

Slaving away at my GPA

Ain't nobody got time for that

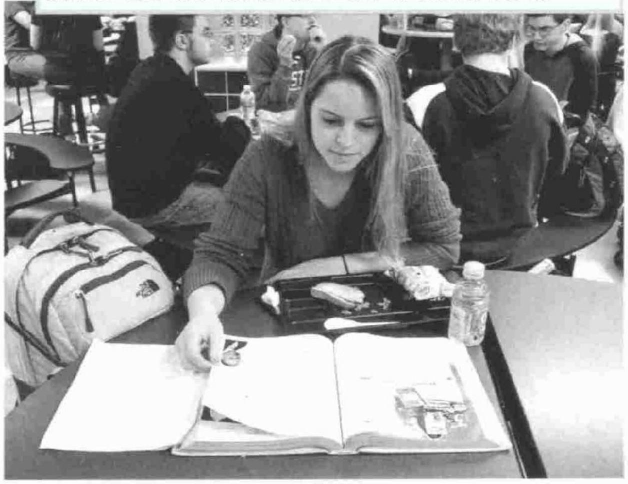
Been there, done that

You're a junior

"Your junior year is the hardest," Anna Slosser, junior, said. "We are studying constantly, we dress lazier and our social lives get small, because our life revolves around homework."

You're a senior

"Senior year is a wake up call that we need to grow up," Brett Butler, senior, said. "There is not much homework and you find who your true friends are."



STUDY ANIMAL Studying for a U.S. History test, Chloe Miller, junior, multitasks as she prepares for her upcoming test and finishes her lunch. "Junior year is so far the most difficult," Chloe said. "The classes are really challenging, and there is always tons of homework."

GOODFELLAS IN GORDON'S Aiding for Mr. Michael Gordon's government class, Sara Wilson, senior, uses this time to watch movies. "I was watching Goodfellas on Netflix," Sara said. "Senior year is substantially easier but it also sucks because I am ready to leave."

piece OF DESERT

After visiting family in Texas, Mallory Tokowitz, freshman, brough plants and a small business to life

PRICKLY PLANTS Admiring her prickly plant, Mallory Tokowitz, freshman, decorates her new plant. She placed lava rocks onto the cactus. "I was so happy I could always have a piece of Texas wherever I went," Mallory said.

Loving warm weather and the heat of Texas, Mallory Tokowitz, freshman, took up a hobby that not many people though of doing in the Midwest– planting cacti. Her hobby evolved from gift-giving to others into a business.

"Things changed the moment that my family and friends started paying for them," Mallory said. "That was when I knew I could maybe even start a small business with it."

Cacti-farming took minimal care.

"(Cacti) were actually pretty easy maintenance," Mallory said. "You just had to make sure to water them two times a month kept them from dying out or molding, and to keep a filter system with pebbles on the bottom."

Mallory planned for her small business to grow and hopedw to use the money to visit her relatives in the future.

"I couldn't wait to see where the money gets me," Mallory said. "I loved Texas, so having a piece of it with me in my room made my room look cute and helped me stay determined to reach my goal of visiting again."

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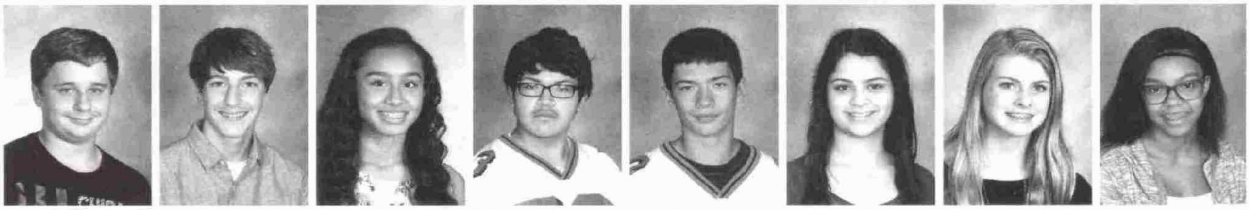

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Plant-By-Plant

Mallory Tokowitz, freshman, was able to give a part of Texas by planting cacti and selling them with five easy steps

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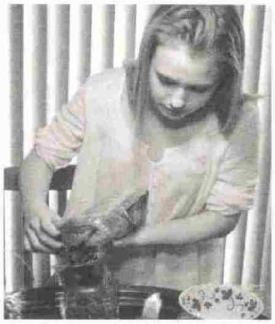

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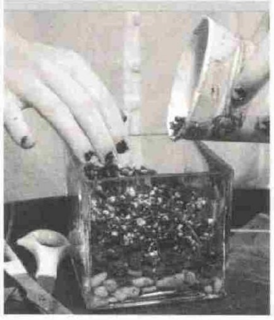

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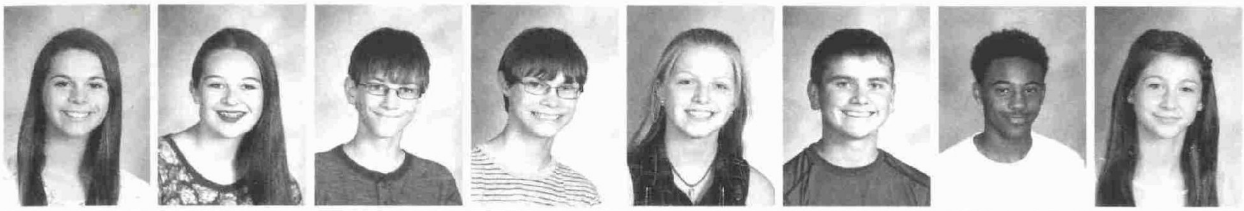

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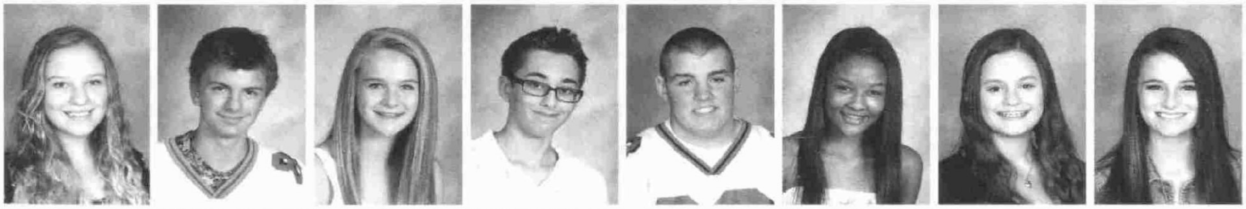

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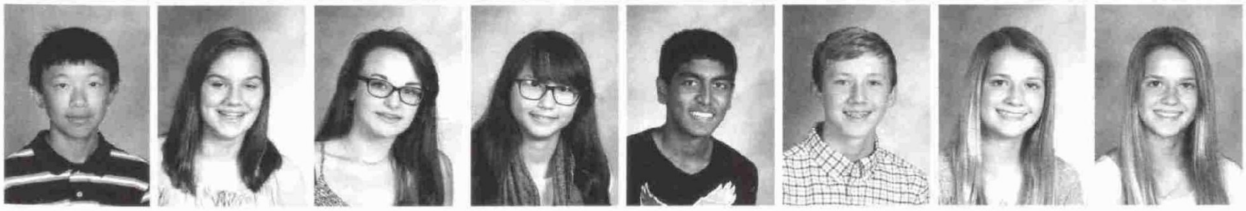

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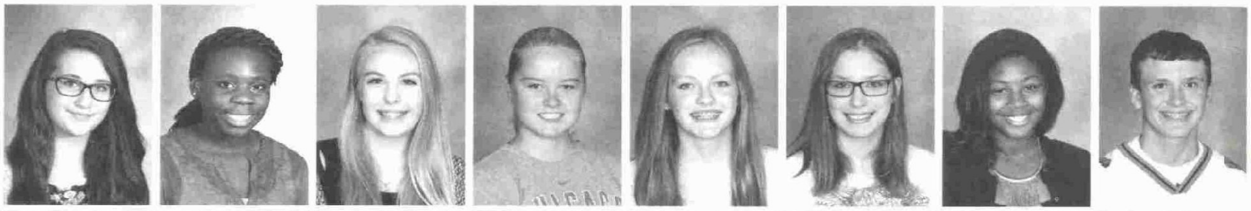

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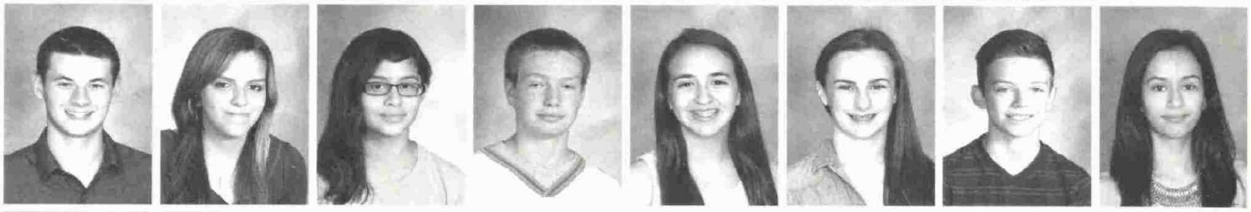

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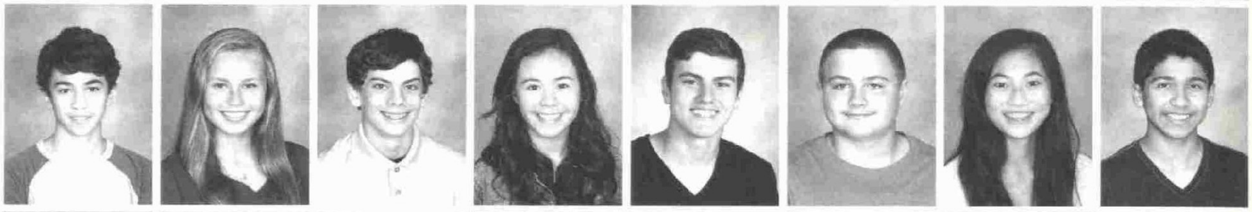

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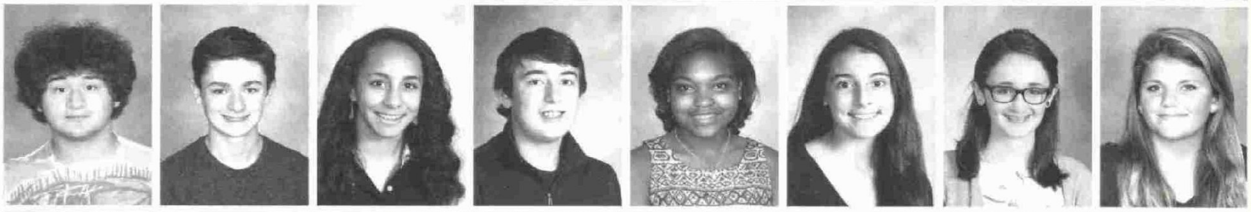

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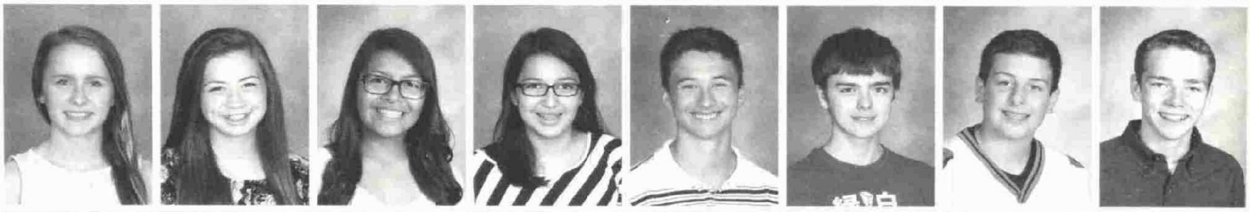

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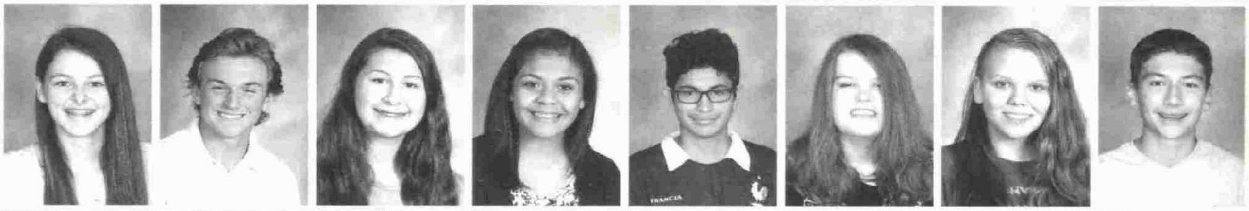

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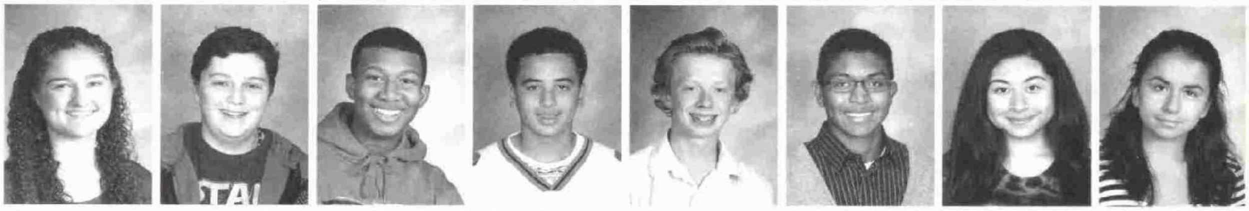

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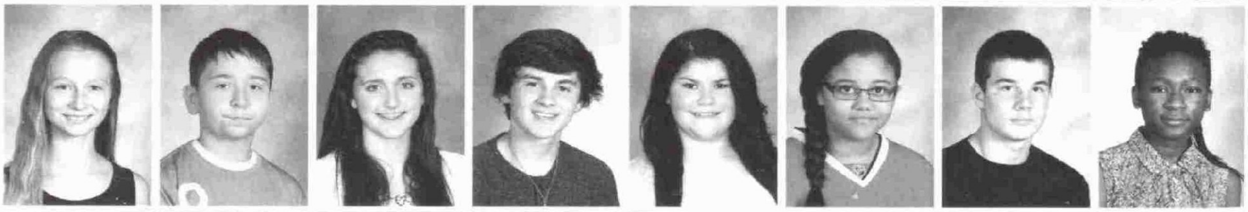

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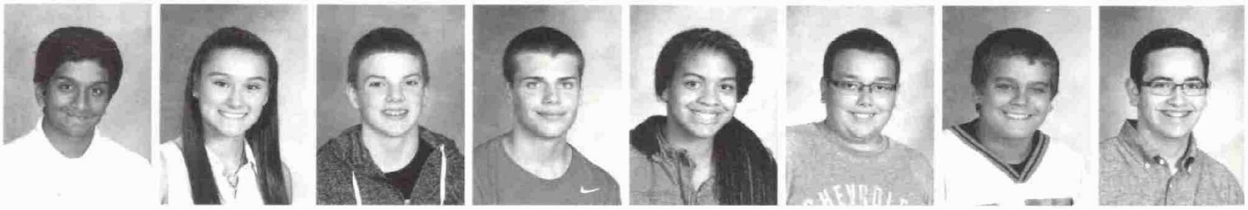

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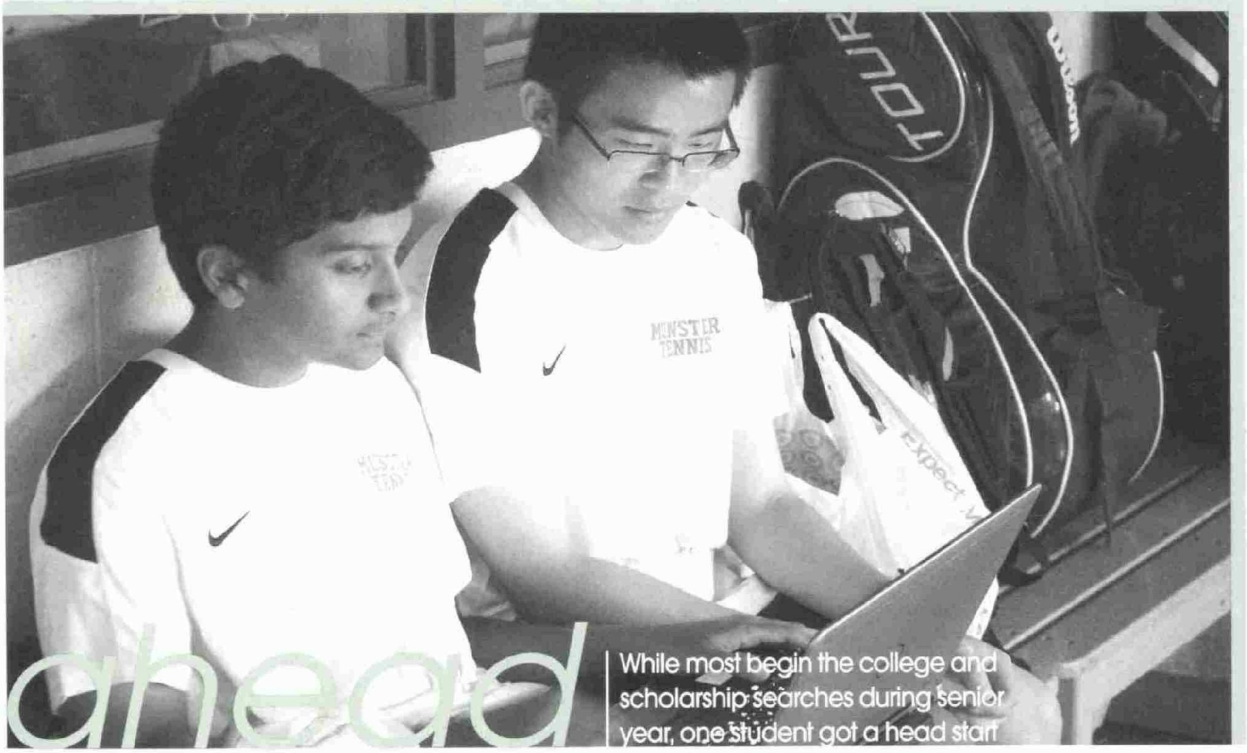


ahead OF THE GAME

While most begin the college and scholarship searches during senior year, one student got a head start

For Shreyas Iyer, freshman, three letters may determine the next seven years of his life: SAT. In eighth grade, Shreyas not only got a perfect score on the math portion of the SAT but also a nearly-perfect score on the Critical Reading portion of the SAT, which led to a scholarship offer from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. For at least two years, Shreyas, if accepted into the university, will have a full-ride scholarship.

"There is not a monetary value with the scholarship since admissions rates vary so greatly year-to-year," Shreyas said. "However, it requires me to maintain a certain GPA, number of service hours and a certain ACT/SAT score."

To achieve such a scholarship did not come without hard work. It was not pressure from teachers or parents that led Shreyas to his academic achievement, but rather, it was himself.

"I found that early in middle school, I felt as though I wasn't capable of much. I wasn't motivated," Shreyas said. "But later, when I saw my true academic potential, I felt extremely self-motivated. It was the biggest key into achieving what I wanted."

MORE TO THE STORY In the hour between the end of the school day and their tennis match, Shreyas Iyer, freshman, and Alex Yao, junior, are studying together; while in-season for tennis, which lasts from the summer into autumn, Shreyas and Alex often times did homework together to save time at home for eating and sleeping. Even though Shreyas is heavily involved in his academics, he still found time to not only play the cello in an orchestra in Chicago but also plays for the Boys' Tennis Team. "I loved the intricacy involved in the game of tennis," Shreyas said. "I planned to play all four years of high school."

3 STEPS TO ACE YOUR NEXT TEST

Whether it's the AP Calculus BC exam or an Ancient World History test, getting an A is possible by following these steps

KNOW THE FORMAT

"You obviously don't have to study for a multiple choice test as much as a free response one. As you know the format and material on a test you can gauge how much time and effort you really need to put in to get the result you want."

REACH YOUR FOCUS

"You can study, but you need to actually focus and put in your best effort in that allotted time. Just keep the right mindset and focus when you study, and you should be fine."

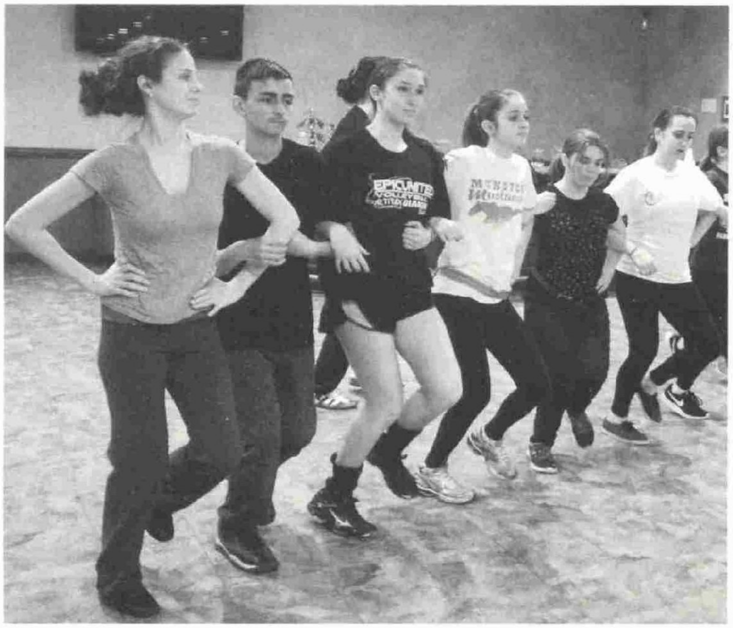
GET YOUR SLEEP

"I find myself not sleeping before big exams and it usually doesn't go well. If you study properly and efficiently you should be able to get a decent amount of sleep in before the exam. Obviously that can't always be the case but get in as much as you can."

Source: Shreyas Iyer, freshman

one STEP AHEAD

Dancing traditional folklore with her church, Maya Radjenovich, freshman, was brought closer to her culture and community



ONE STEP AHEAD Hours after school at St. Sava Church in Merrillville , Maya Radjenovich, freshman (*forth from left*), and her dance group gathers for a practice. The group memorized their latest choreography. "We were all really nervous," Maya said. "There was always a lot of people at preformances, so it was very exciting to prepare."

Twirling around stage. Dressed in intricate, handmade costumes. Maya Radjenovich, freshman, practiced traditional Serbian folklore dancing once a week for the past eight years at her church to prepare for festival performances.

Every year since Maya was six years old she performed in ten to fifteen festivals a year.

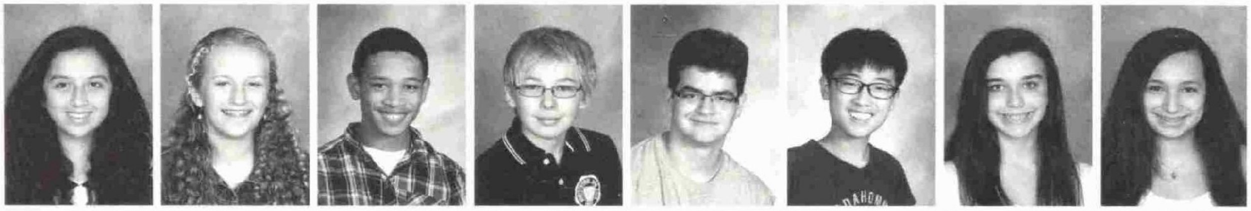
"The feeling I got when I performed made me feel good about all my hard work and everything that I put into preparing," Maya said.

Costumes worn while performing folklore are detailed, colorful skirts that are handmade, often in Serbia. Many people in Maya's culture and family participate in folklore dancing including her parents.

"The dance originated in Serbia," Maya said. "Learning the dances brings me closer to my culture. I get to associate with and meet new people from my culture."

After dancing folklore for over half of her life, Maya has learned a lot about perseverance.

"Learning quick steps can be challenging, but if you want it bad enough you'll put in the effort," Maya said. "No matter how many times I messed up, I got there."



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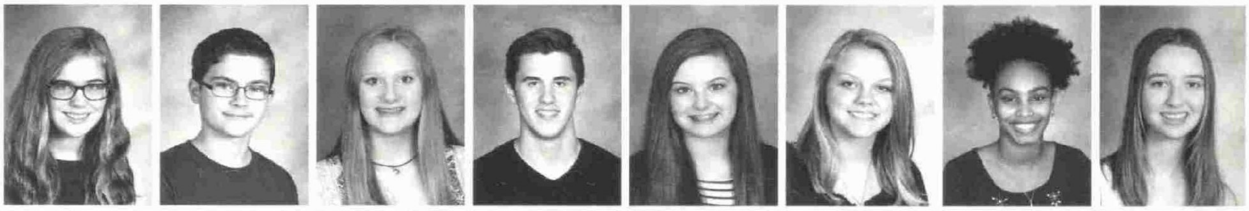

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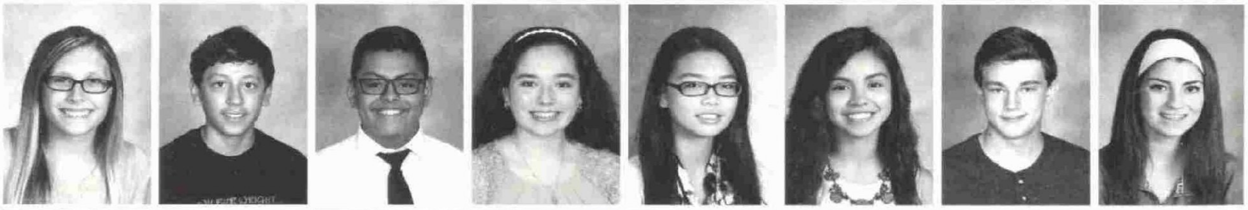

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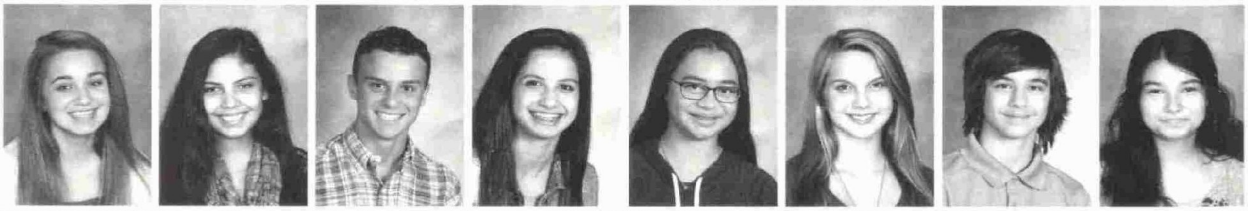

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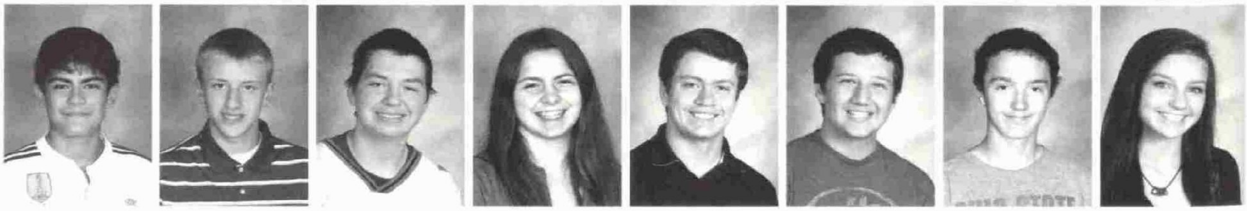

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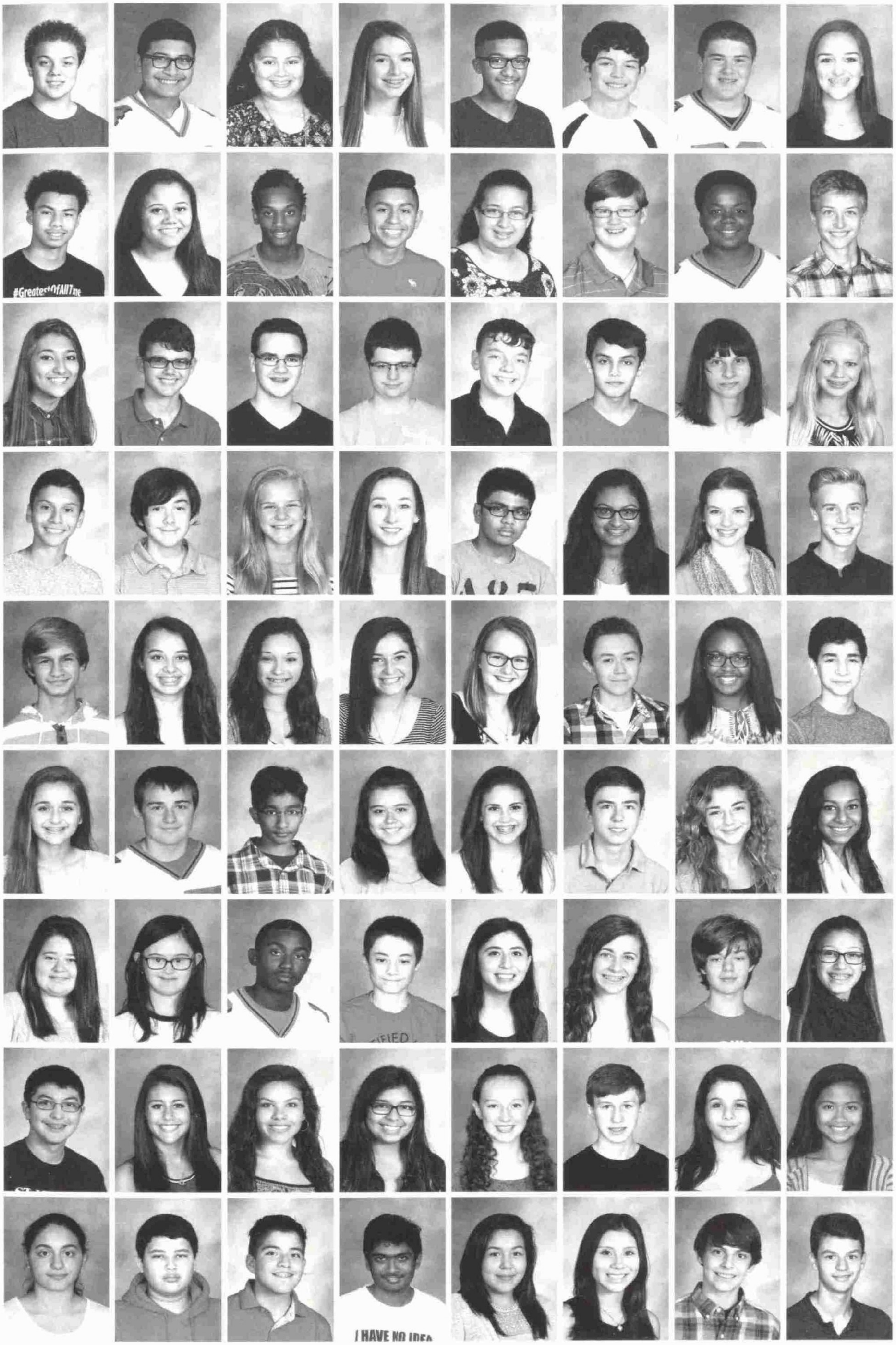

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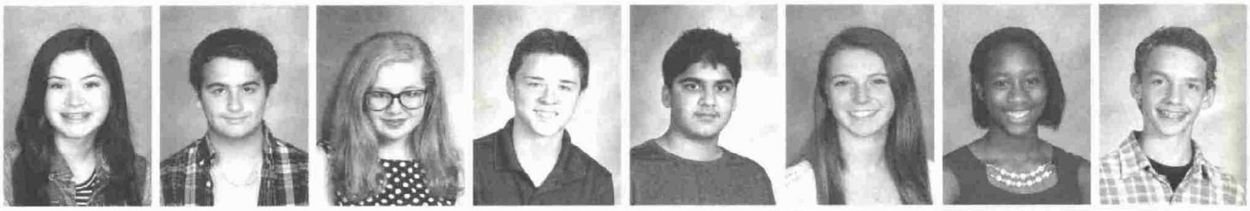

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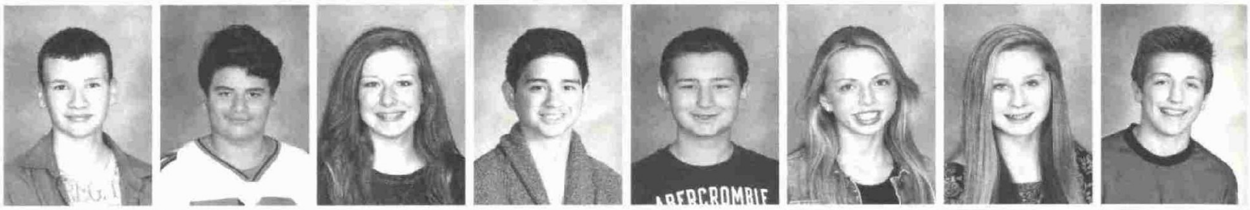

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get fitter, FASTER, STRONGER

Doing cardio, weight-lifting and gymnastics, Dayton Elliot, freshman, competed in crossfit competitions

After a stressful day of school, students often try to find ways to relax. For Dayton Elliot, freshman, she put on her wrist wraps and headed to Crossfit Munster. Whether it was powerlifting, cardio or gymnastics, Dayton challenged herself three to five days a week after starting one year ago.

"I was originally just trying to get in shape for softball season," Dayton said. "But after one class, I got hooked. The intensity of the workout and the support from the coaches and teammates—it was such a powerful feeling."

Dayton began to take her hobby more seriously when she started to attend competitions, where some of her competitors were up to 30 years-old. At a worldwide event, she placed 1,010 out of almost 3,000 entries.

"Competitions were crazy," Dayton said. "The judges gave you a set number of reps to do a workout and timed how long it took for you to finish. Sometimes it went from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. By the end, I could hardly walk."

However, the powerful mind-set it gave her throughout the past year had all been worth the sore muscles and exhaustion, according to Dayton.

"It taught me to fight through pain and to push myself through things I never thought I could do," Dayton said. "Ever since I started, I learned to just suck things up and to be patient with whatever I was doing. I thankfully learned that results and progress took time– in the gym and in life."

Dayton planned to continue doing crossfit into college, hoping to make it into the Crossfit Games in California.

"Outside of all I the progress I've made, what I really enjoyed most was the environment," Dayton said. "Everyone was so competitive and driven, the coaches were amazing, the people watching were always cheering you on to do better and it was like one big family at competitions and training."

A NEWFOUND STRENGTH Two hands on the bar, Dayton Elliot, freshman, performs pull-ups. She often performed up to five pull-ups in a row. "I got so much stronger, not only physically, but mentally," Dayton said. "I was able to do things I never would had been able to do last year at this time, and it felt great."

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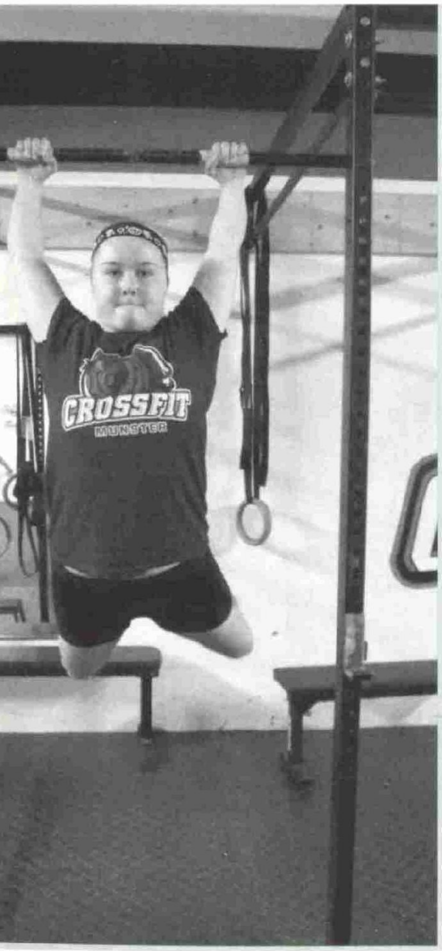

THE DAILY GRIND

Receiving her workout-of-the-day, Dayton Elliot, freshman, performs and describes some of her exercises

CROSSFIT MUNSTER CHAPTER
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1. BARBELL PUSH PRESS

Grab the barbell going shoulder-width on the grip. Pull up to chest and push barbell up above head

- 4 SETS OF 5 REPS
- "Push presses helped my arms get a lot stronger. They're hard but worth it."

2. MUSCLE-UPS ON RINGS

Jump and grab hold of the rings. Hang and pull yourself up until your chin reaches the bottom of rings

- 4 SETS OF 5 REPS
- "These were one of the most difficult workouts to do. You had to pull all of your weight up and slowly sing back down."

3. BARBELL SQUATS

Grab hold under the bar shoulder-width apart. Sink back with weight in your heels until knees are parallel with floor

- 4 SETS OF 8 REPS
- "Squats were my favorite because they worked on my legs and helped me get explosive when I pitched off the ground."

Source: Dayton Elliot, freshman

strike A MATCH

Match the riddles to both the female teachers' shoes and the male teachers' facial hair

A. She may be in charge of the school's Publications, but she is no Crier.

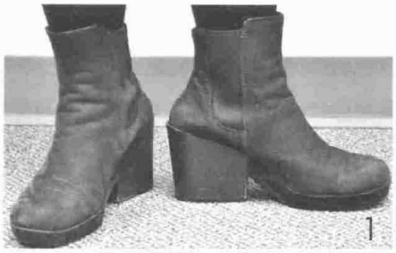
B. Fashionable and teaches English, this poetry club advisor has long red hair.

C. The amount of CHEEZ-IT boxes in her room could not compare to Mount Rainier.

D. The chemistry between her and the Assistant Principal is quite strong.

E. This computer teacher has π in her last name.

F. This teacher's classroom is in north, but her last name is West.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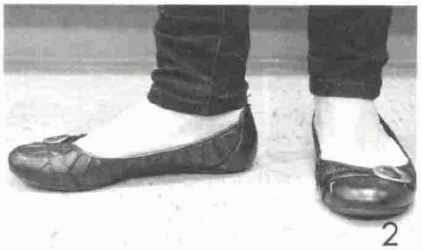
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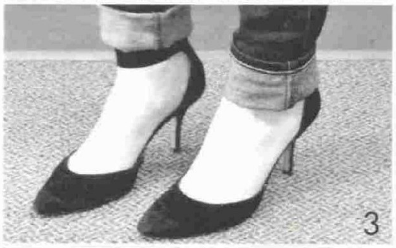
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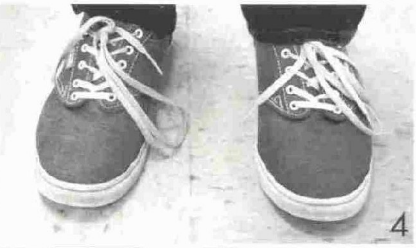
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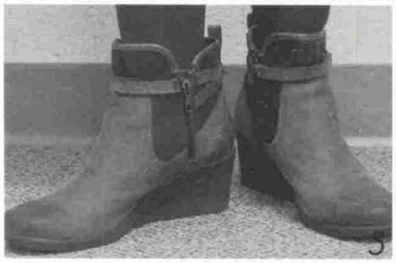
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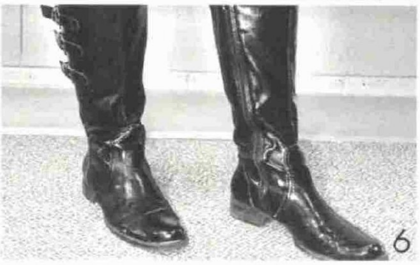
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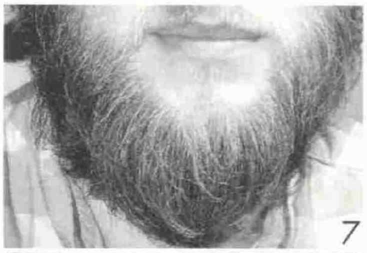
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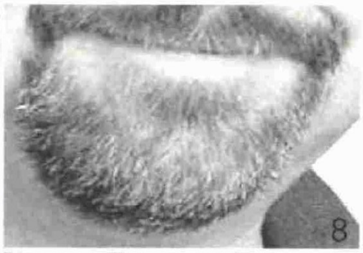
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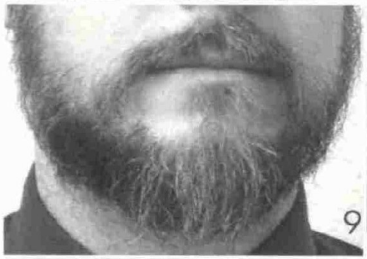
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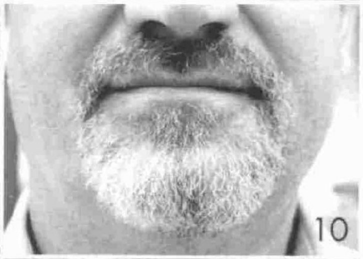
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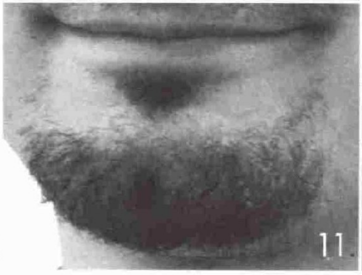
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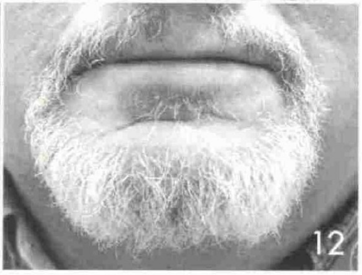
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G. He teaches English and has both a goatee and a film degree from USC.

H. Choir is his thing, but this teacher's facial hair can't sing.

I. This teacher uses classical conditioning to clean his beard.

J. He teaches Econ, plays guitar and can grow a beard very far.

K. Serbian + math teacher = this goatee.

L. This English teacher has glasses and students who act out plays in his classes.

Answer key on page 105

> "I definitely go for comfort while teaching."
>
> **MRS. KYLEEN NOLAN, SCIENCE TEACHER**

> "My beard isn't seasonal. It's all year round; it's my look."
>
> **MR. KEVIN CLYNE, ENGLISH TEACHER**

Mrs. Jessica Baird: Math, SADD
Mrs. Jennifer Blackhurst: West Lake
Ms. Deanna Brack: West Lake
Dr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director
Mr. Kevin Clyne: English, Creative Writing Club

Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: English, Department Chair
Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo: Spanish, Department Chair
Mrs. Samantha Ebert: Science, Science Olympiad, Academic Teams
Mr. Carl Fields: Ceremics
Mr. Donald Fortner: Social Studies, Department Chair

Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish
Mrs. Beth Gibbs: Student Services Assistant
Mr. Michael Gordon: Social Studies, We the People
Mr. Robert Goulding: West Lake
Mrs. Katie Gross: English, Speech Coach

Mr. Michael Hackett: Health, Physical Education, Varsity Boys' Basketball
Mr. Jeff Hamstra: Math
Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance Adminstrative Assistant
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Science
Mr. Larry Hautzinger: Science, Project Bio

Mr. Joshua Herold: Social Studies, Freshman Football
Mrs. Amanda Holloway: English
Mr. Matthew Kalwasinski: Social Studies, Freshman Football
Mr. Mark Knight: Math
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman: Journalism, Photography, Crier Adviser, *Paragon* Adviser

Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte: Family & Consumer Science, Student Government, Freshman Softball
Mrs. Brook Lemon: English
Mrs. Elena Lopez: Art, Art Club
Mrs. Rosemary Malagon: Spanish, Spanish Club
Mr. Leroy Marsh: Health, Varsity Football

Ms. Twila Marsh: Media Center, Read & White Book Club
Ms. Peggy Matanic: English, Gay-Straight Alliance
Ms. Catherine Mazeikas: Science, Robotics
Mr. Jason McCauley: Social Studies, JV Boys' Soccer
Mrs. Cindy McCoy: West Lake

Mr. James McNabney: English
Mrs. Donna Murray: West Lake
Mrs. Teresa Needles: Special Education
Mrs. Kyleen Nolan: Science, Varsity Cross Country, Link Crew
Mr. Morgan Nolan: Assistant Principal of Student Services, Link Crew

Ms. Bridget Parker: Orchestra Director
Mrs. Kimberly Peirick: Computers, Business
Ms. Gabrielle Raspopovich: Physical Education, Senior CEC
Ms. Angela Richards: Synergy
Mr. Robert Shinkan: Math, Varsity Baseball, Football

Ms. Shonna Siegers: Science
Mr. Richard Sluder: Social Studies, Varsity Girls' Track, Varsity Boys' Cross Country
Mr. Robert Snyder: Assistant Principal of Guidance
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math
Mrs. Florencia Stoll: Spanish

Mrs. Athena Svolos: Bookkeeper
Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: Media Center Assistant
Mrs. Beth Thornburg: Math, Varsity Softball, Senior CEC
Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Sarah Vicari: Science

Mr. Dusan Vidovic: Math, Sophomore CEC
Mr. Michael Wells: Principal
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: English, Project X
Mr. Matthew Williams: Synergy
Mr. Bill Woods: Music Director, Ensemble Director

Mrs. Janet Wories: Special Education, Freshman Volleyball
Mrs. Dana Ziel: Principal's Administrative Assistant

NOT PICTURED, STILL PIVOTAL

Administration
Mr. Brian Clark: Athletic Director
Mr. Bill Melby: Assistant Principal

Faculty
Mrs. JenAnn Adams: Special Education
Mr. Jake Argenta: Business, Basketball
Mrs. Kelly Barnes: English, Poetry Club
Mr. Tom Barnes: English, Varsity Track
Mr. Don Bugaski: Math
Mr. Brent Barton: Special Education, Best Buddies
Mr. Mike Coil: Science, Freshman CEC
Mr. Jim Davidson: Industrial Technology, Girls' Basketball
Mr. David Dausch: Social Studies, Launch Club
Mr. Peter Fatouros: Guidance Counselor, Best Buddies
Ms. Rebecca Giffin: Science
Mr. Peter Gregory: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Nicholas Gron: Math
Ms. Katie Harris: Math, Sophomore CEC
Ms. Nadine Kavanaugh: Special Education
Mr. Keith Koszut: Science, Science Olympiad, Academic Teams
Mr. Paul LaReau: Foreign Language
Mr. Steve Lopez: Social Studies, Varsity Tennis
Mr. Jordan Mayer: English, Speech & Debate Director
Mrs. Lisa Mella: Special Education
Mr. Matt Pavlovich: Physical Education, Varsity Swimming
Ms. Stephanie Peterson: Foreign Language, French Club, Color Guard
Ms. Valerie Pflum: Math, Varsity Girls' Soccer, National Honor Society, Junior CEC
Mr. Jim Prasopoulas: Special Education, Varsity Boys' Soccer
Mrs. Jessica Sanchez: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Bill Smitka: Social Studies, Varsity Golf
Ms. Christine Stanish: ASL, ASL Club, STAND
Ms. Sharon Vail: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Bret Winternheimer: Band Director, Jazz Band

Support Staff
Mr. James Dancy: Head Custodian
Mrs. Charlene Kuhn: Student Services
Mrs. Penny Mayer: Athletic Assistant
Mrs. Denise Moore: Study Hall Supervisor, DECA
Mrs. Ally Novotney: Attendance, Guidance
Mrs. Jan Riccio: Main Office
Mrs. Brianne Smutniak: Non-instructional Aide
Mrs. Jackie White: Guidance
Mrs. Nicole Sarkey, RN: Nurse
Ms. Mary Spina: Athletic Trainer

daily life OF TEACHERS

Teachers shared their hobbies after school and what they do in free time

Teachers do have lives outside of school. Whether it be gardening, reading, traveling, the faculty seemed to be doing something other than grading schoolwork. Not having as much free time during school, Señora Florencia Stoll, Spanish teacher, travelled around the world as her hobby in the summer.

Growing up she has visited Uruguay, Chilé, Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico. She has also been to different parts of Europe like England and Spain.

"Since I was born In Argentina, I visited my family there for Christmas. I love the people because they go out more at any time of the day," Señora Stoll said. She had always wanted to better her English which is why she came to America.

"As a little girl my quest had always been to improve my English which is why I was a foreign exchange student at age sixteen," Stoll said.

According to Señora Stoll, she missed going out more in Argentina and she missed her family. She only visited in the summer and usually Christmas time because it is summer in Argentina.

"The weather is great during winter break and the culture is more relaxed," Señora Stoll said.

According to Señora Stoll, Argentina is somewhere everyone should visit because of the culture it brings. Going out more, there is always something to do and people to meet.

"Since it is summer time people are out and about and always doing something which I enjoy," Señora Stoll said.

ROCK'N STOLL Lecturing her class, Señora Florencia Stoll, Spanish teacher, presents her class with a song to help the students remember certain grammar. She was excited to play music for her students. "We were singing the song 'Dimelo' and I love sharing Hispanic culture with my students,"Señora Stoll said.

IN THEIR ELEMENT

While they spent five days a week teaching classes, teachers tell what they did for fun

Instead of grading papers, what did you like to do?

"Outside of school I was usually with my daughter driving her places. In my free time I partook in a family league indoor soccer team. It was funny to see a bunch adults versus teenagers in indoor soccer."

Ms. Amanda Holloway, English teacher

"If I was not grading homework or tests, I was usually watching sports on the weekends. I also had a second job as a music director for Suburban Bible church in Highland. Music has always been a part of my life."

Mr. Mark Knight, Math teacher

"I am a fantastic cook, I loved making chinese and mexican food from scratch. I typically made it for family, but I brought in leftovers for the faculty. Besides cooking, taking care of my child and attending deaf events took up my life."

Mrs. Christine Stanish, ASL teacher

1. DAY AND KNIGHT Ready for his students, Mr. Mark Knight, Math teacher, teaches his class with a smile on his face. He always tried to make the class fun with math jokes. "Not most students are too excited about math, but I hope they enjoy my class,"Mr. Knight said.

2. SIGN IT OUT Signing to the students, Mrs. Christine Stanish, ASL teacher, uses her hands gestures to talk to class instead of talking. She was discussing new vocabulary to her class. " I love teaching my students something new and fun, and ASL is easy to grasp," Mrs. Stanish said.

3. ALL SMILES Smiling towards her students, Ms. Amanda Holloway, English teacher, lectures her students during class. She told her students to open their books and to discuss. "I believe class discussions are beneficial because different views are presented," Mrs. Holloway said.

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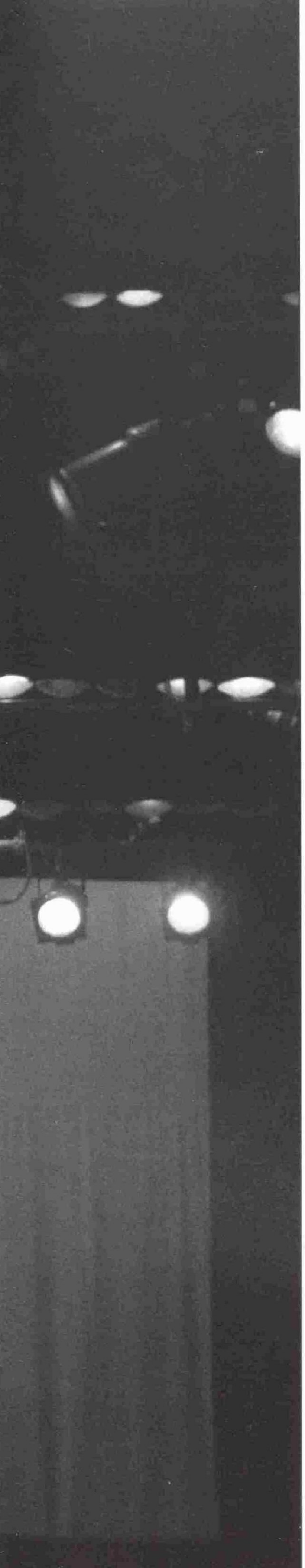


ONE MOMENT TO RELIVE

We cheered for our friends when they performed with their bands as they belted out rock throwback songs—or when Matt Travis, junior, bellowed out his own piece.

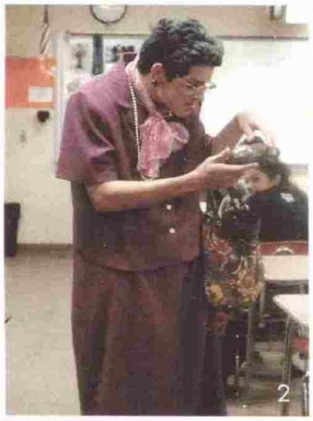
We clamored in the hallway outside of the gym to get a sip of water during the Turnabout dance. We laid our the flag in a patriotic respect during the Homecoming pep rally. And even though the Homecoming parade decided to take a rain check this year, we cheered on our court from the sidelines on the Friday night football game. And while these moments may seem either menial or monumental, they mattered.

When we were given one moment to shine or to dance or to just simply laugh with one another, these moments resonated within our spirits. Aside from the homework and extra curricular activities and jobs and family that awaited us, we set aside our worries for a few moments of fun—together.

ROCK OF ALL AGES Performing with his band, *Hangman*, Calvin Leick, senior, plays guitar and sings as he competes in Battle of the Bands. They performed "Suite Pea" by System of a Down. "At first, I was definitely feeling a little nervous," Calvin said. "But I found that the easiest way to get over the nerves was just to be crazy because it was a chance to just sing or scream and have fun."

THERE'S NO WEEK LIKE HOMECOMING

Dancing in the hallways, twinning with a friend, watching the football game, students spent the week preparing for Homecoming dressed up in costumes and showing off their school pride. The week ended in fireworks at the football game and an "Out of this World" dance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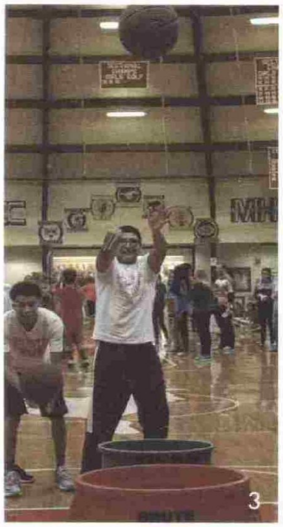
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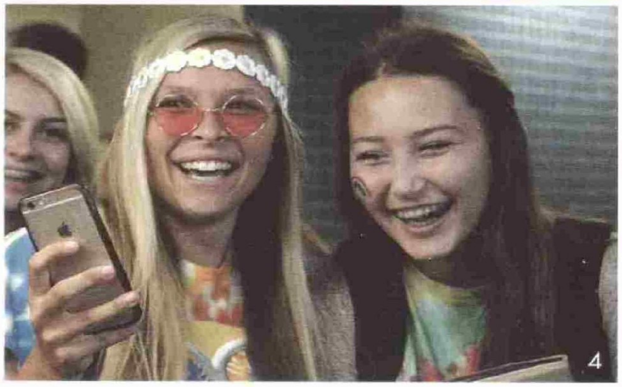
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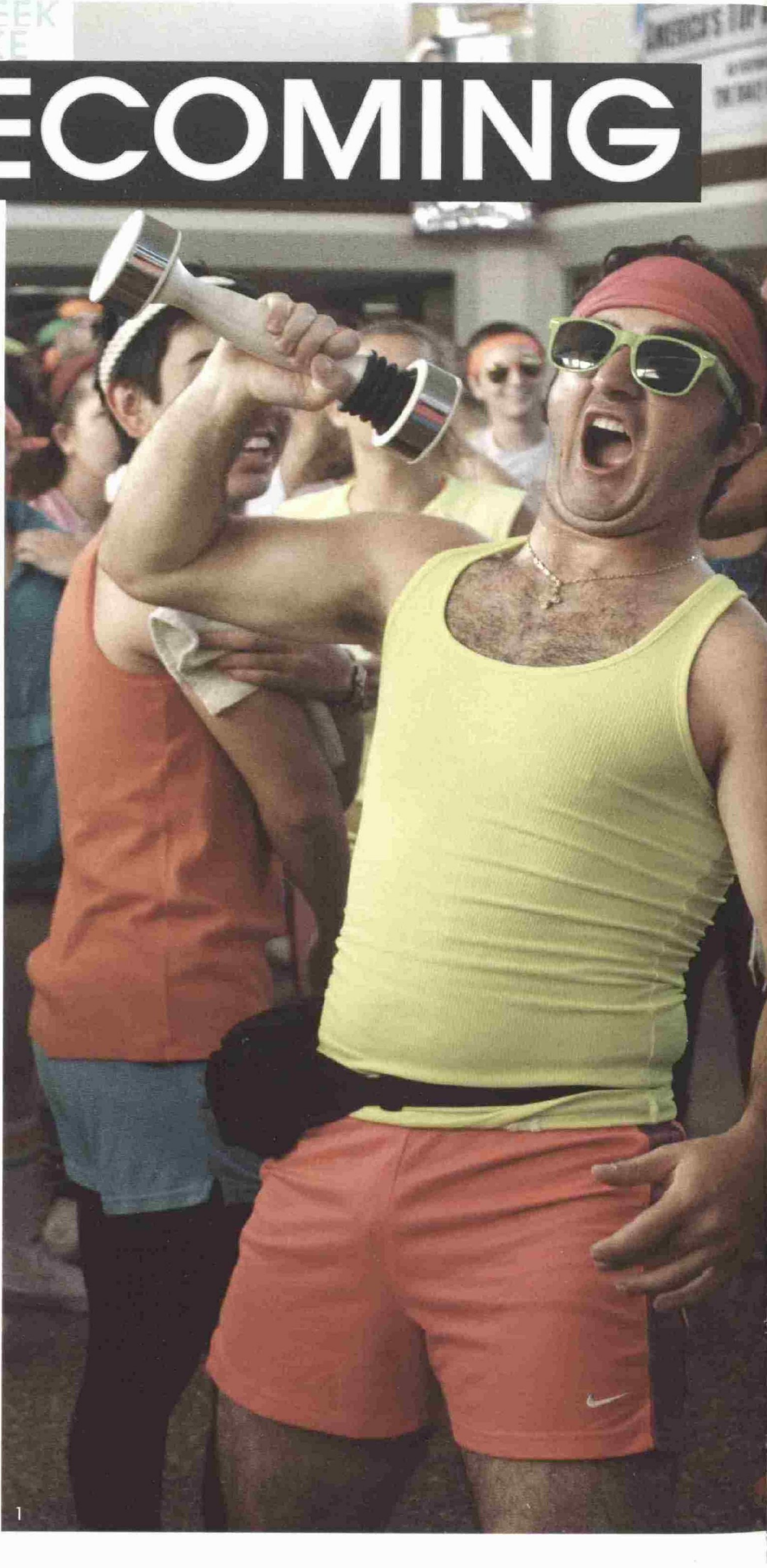
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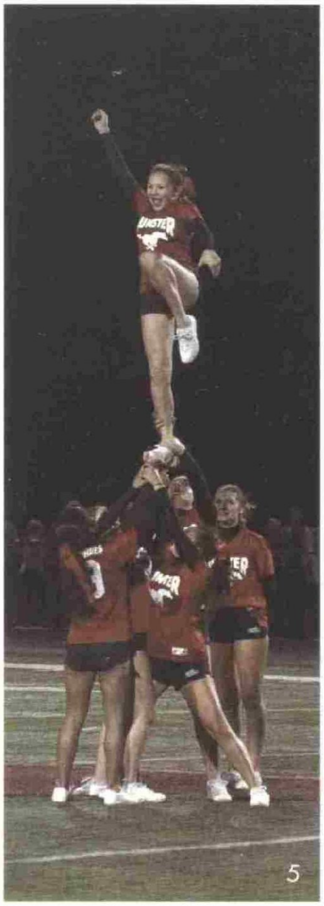
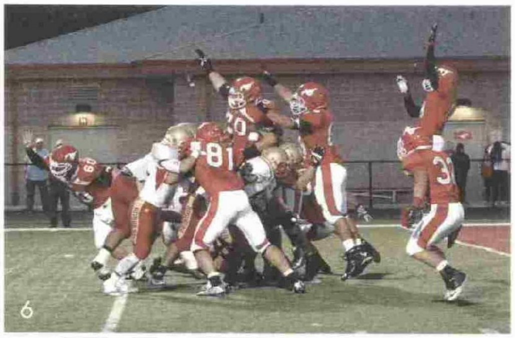
1. GET PHYSICAL Shake-weight in hand, Yiorgo Karnezis, senior, works out in the Commons on 80s workout day. The seniors spent the day exercising between classes. "I think 80s workout day was the highlight of my senior year," Yiorgo said.

2. FEEL LIKE A WOMAN For Twin Day, Matt Travis, junior, follows his own idea without a twin. He dressed as an 80-year-old woman in a purple dress and beads. "I dressed as a woman known as Ruby "Steel City" Paxton," Matt said. "I did it to express the cranky, eccentric alter ego that lives inside all of us."

3. MAKING BUCKETS During the ball toss game, freshmen Marcelo Mendiola and Jevon Morris represent the freshman team during the pep rally . "It was so cool to play in front of so many people," Jevon said. "There was a lot of energy."

4. GROOVY BABY Laughing in the Commons, sophomores Ally Snyder and Madison Dinga watch the seniors perform 80s workout dances. "It was funny to see all the seniors dance in their outfits," Madison said. "It's something all underclassmen look forward to."





5. CHEERIN' UP Flying at the top of the pyramid, Eleanor Wilson, freshman, cheers during the half-time Homecoming ceremony. "There was a lot of energy," Eleanor said. "I was a little nervous because we just learned the cheer that week."

6. BRINGIN' HOME THE GOLD Aiming to finish the pass for a touchdown, the boys jump in the air to receive the ball against Andrean. The Homecoming game ended with a 31-7 victory. "We handed (Andrean) their first regular season loss since 2012," Logan Armagast (81), senior said. "My favorite memory was getting an interception in the second quarter."

7. HAIL MARY After being crowned Homecoming Queen, Mary Pugh, senior, is congratulated by seniors Mega Dafiaghor, William Ault and Antoine Van Dyke. "I feel really honored to have won," Mary said. "It means a lot especially being the first African American Homecoming Queen we had."

DRESSED THE BEST

Throughout the week, students dressed up to follow the theme

TUESDAY

RANDOM COSTUME DAY

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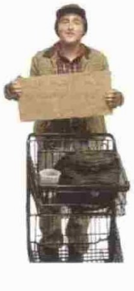

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NERD DAY

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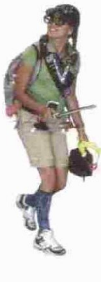

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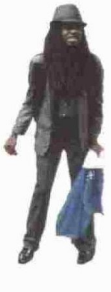


USA! USA! Dressed in American-themed clothing for Red, White, and Blue day, Zack Simic, senior, pumps up the senior student section at the pep rally. "It was the last year to participate in Spirit Week, so I went all out," Zack said.

CALL IT A DATE

Match the numbers with the letters to guess the Homecoming dates

A

Patricia Kiousis, sophomore (Frankfort High School)

B

Chloe Moffett, sophomore

C

Jeanne Drwiega, senior

1

Dalton Willcox, junior

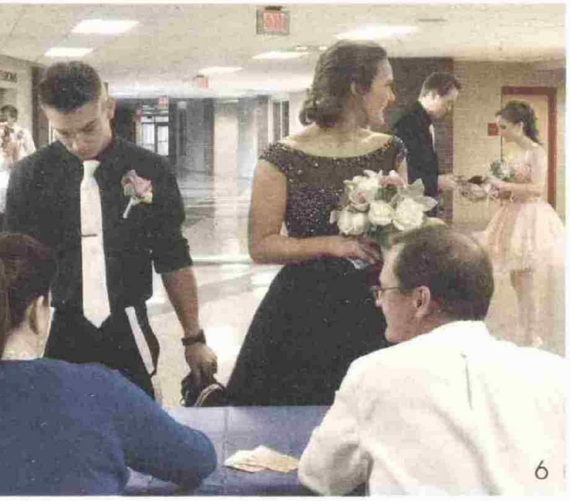
2

Demetri Chioros, freshman

3

Jacob Paulsen, '15

Answers: A:2; B:1; C:3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1. DANCING QUEEN Before the night ended, seniors, Jessica Hererra and Kaitlyn Costello take a selfie with the Homecoming queen, Mary Pugh, senior. Jessica took the photo and posted it on her Snapchat story. "I went stag to the dance," Kaitlyn said. "My favorite part was dancing with all my best friends."

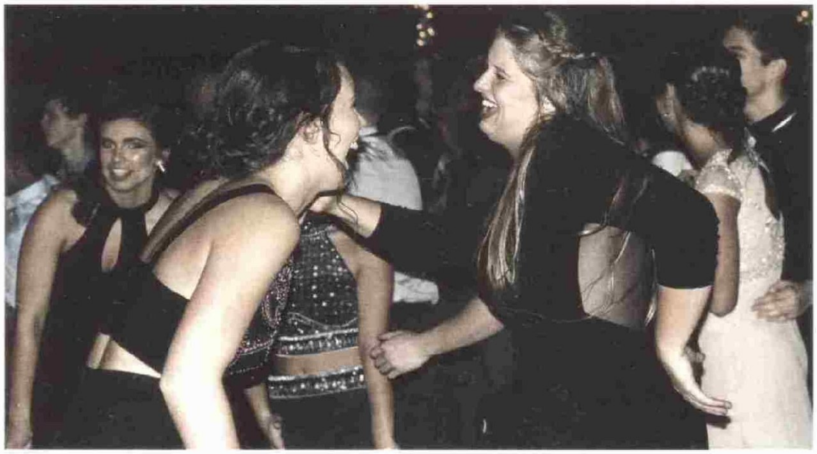
2. MAD MOVES Walking to the dance floor, Kyle Palermo, senior, shows off his moves at Turnabout. He got pushed into the middle of his friends. "Watching my friends and I make fools out of ourselves by trying to dance made my night," Kyle said.

3. TIME FOR THANKS Just after Luke Hackett, senior, was crowned Turnabout king he waves to the crowd. The unexpected nomination led to Luke and his escort, Katie Weining, senior, being on court. "I was actually really scared to be on court," Katie said. "I think I was more nervous than Luke."

4. WATCH YOUR STEP After a slow song comes on, Samantha Nauracy, junior, hunts down her date, Chase Ginave, senior, for a dance. They tried not to make any mistakes. "I was trying hard not to make a fool out of myself dancing," Samantha said.

5. LAST DANCE Laughing on the dance floor, Megan Zebrecky, junior, and Lauren Adams, senior, dance together. They spent the majority of the dance with each other. "This was my last turnabout and I'm happy I got to spend it with my best friend."

6. TICKET TIME With flowers in hand, seniors, Michaella Lorenz and her date, Tyler Fennema, show volunteers their tickets. As Tyler checked the couple's tickets in, he held Michealla's Converse for her. "Tyler was being a gentleman when he held my shoes for me," Michaella said. "This was my last homecoming of high school and I was really excited to enjoy the night."

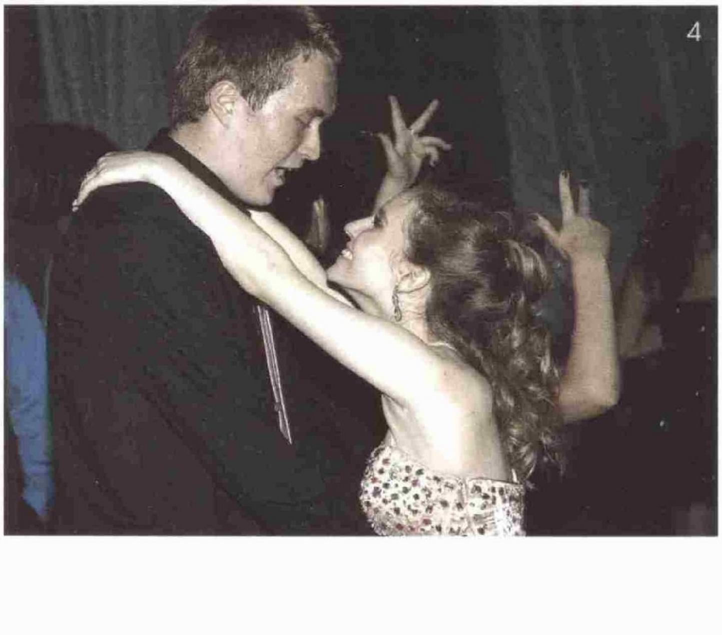


TAKEN BY SURPRISE

For a couple, the element of surprise made the night one to never forget. Olivia Rivich, sophomore, and Nick Lundin, senior, went for dinner after Turnabout, although the restaurant wasn't revealed to Olivia until arrival.

"I wanted to make the night very special for her," Nick said. "And my way of doing that was with surprises." After their arrival at Venice Steak House in Dyer, Olivia was surprised .

"The dinner was cute," Olivia said. "I love surprises, so I was happy."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KING ON COURT

Moments before Turnabout King was announced during halftime of the Student-Faculty Basketball game, the crowd waited in the bleachers.

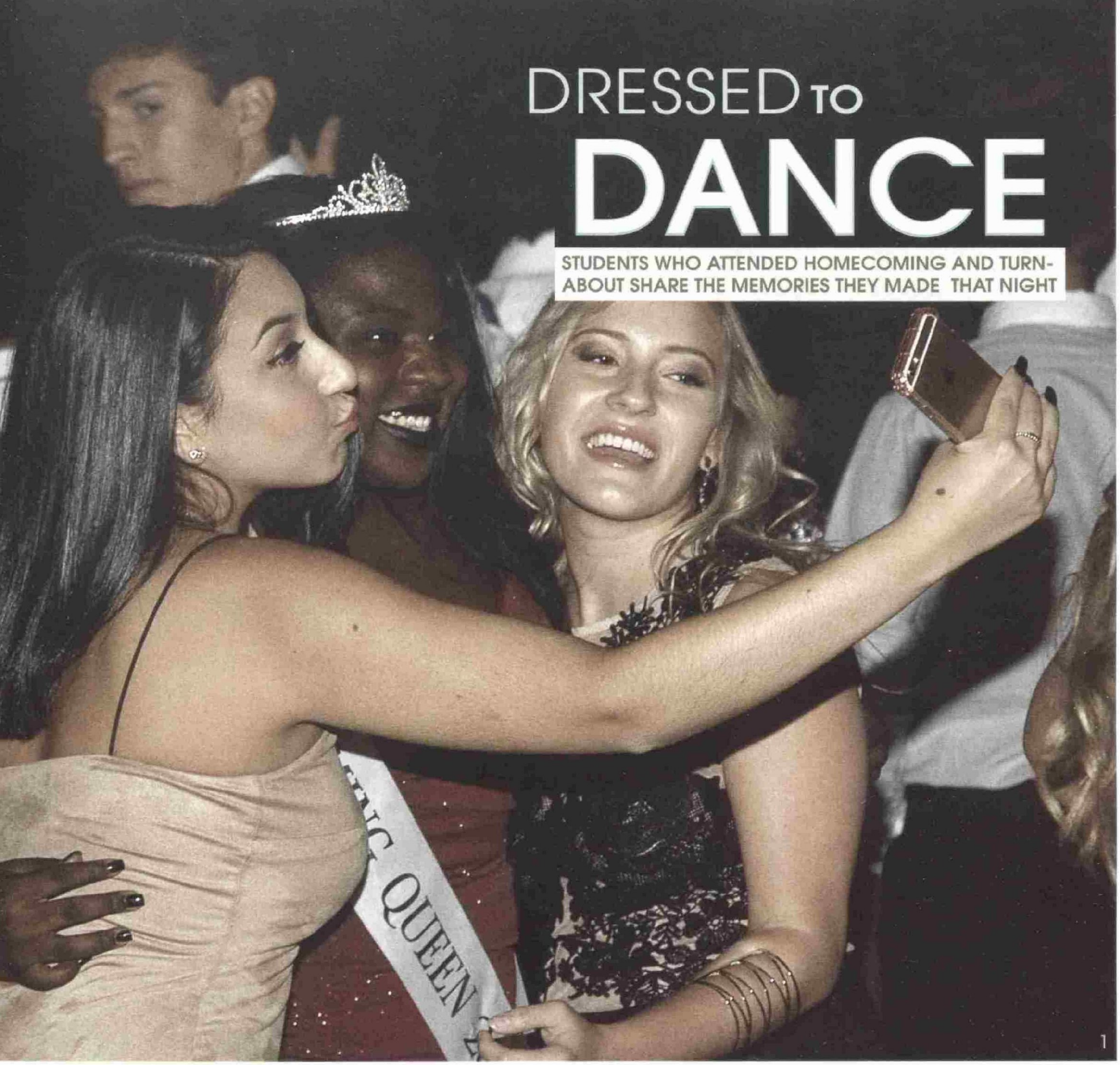
"When I was crowned, I was really surprised," Luke Hackett, senior, said. "I thought I had no chance to win."

After nominated on court, Luke asked Katie Wiening, senior, to escort him.. Although Luke was voted king, he was convinced he wouldn't win.

"As a freshman I was very shy and only talked to my close friends," Luke said. "Being on court really just showed me that being nice to others pays off."

DRESSED to DANCE

STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED HOMECOMING AND TURNABOUT SHARE THE MEMORIES THEY MADE THAT NIGHT



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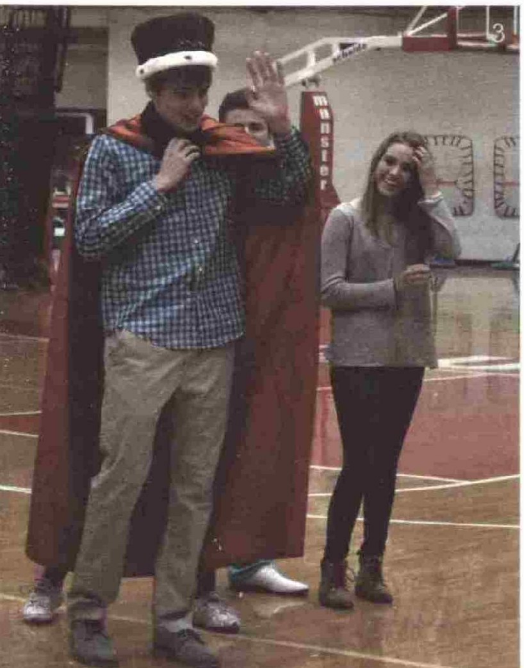

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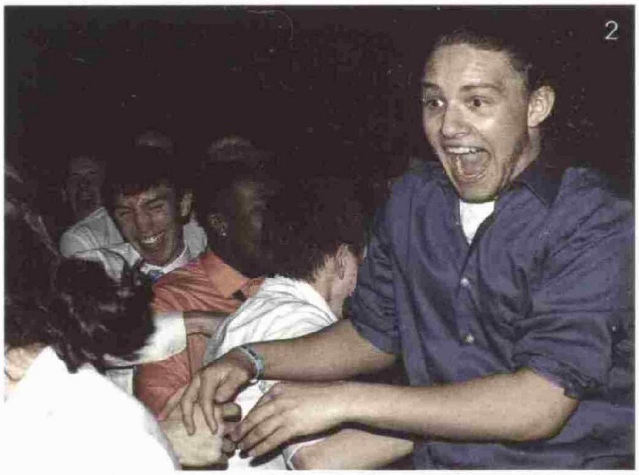

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FUN AND GAMES

Catering, card games and movies were the essentials for a successful Turnabout party for hostess, Emma Harvath, sophomore, and her guests.

After eating Ciao Bella, the group hung out, played the card game, "Cards Against Humanity" and watched the movie *Would You Rather*.

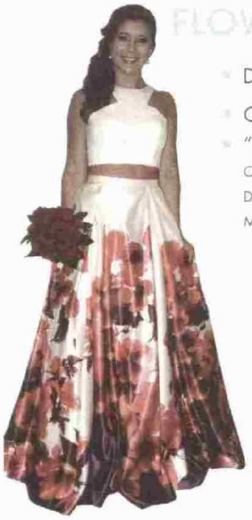
"Turnabout meant going out with a good friend, laughing a lot, taking cute pictures and making memories you'll remember forever and eating good," Lauren Stofko, sophomore, said.

DRESSIN' UP

The baseline of Prom were the outfits

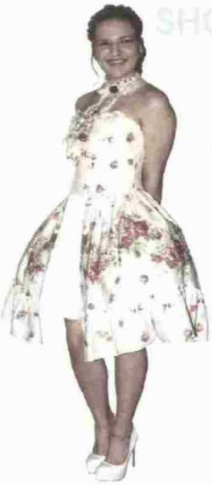
THE GIRLS

Popular prom dresses



FLOWER DRESS

- Dress: Two Piece
- Cost: $900
- "I FELT ELEGANT AND CLASSY, ALMOST AS IF THE DRESS WAS MADE FOR ME," KYLEE SAID.

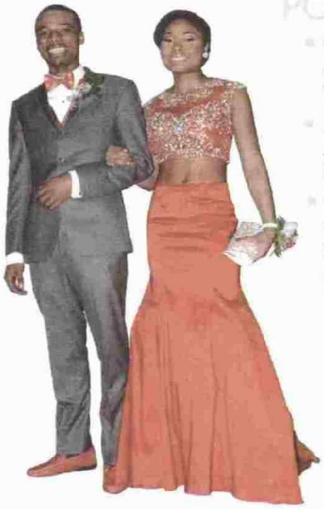


SHORT AND SWEET

- Dress: short
- Cost: $160
- "I FOUND THIS DRESS TWO YEARS AGO AND I KNEW I WOULD WEAR IT FOR MY SENIOR PROM," DANIA SAID.

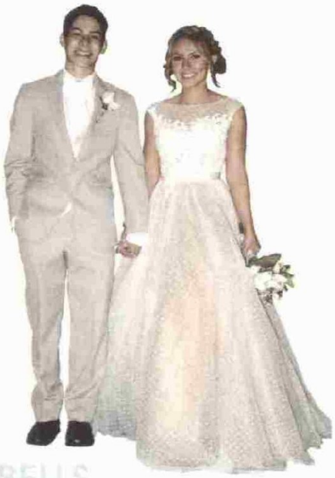
THE COUPLES

Perfect pair of dates



POP OF RED

- Couple: Morgyn Jackson and Dante Williams from Thornridge High School
- After plans: "We went to Wu's Japanese house and then went bowling."
- "What a time to be alive, I got to be with my best friend for my last dance."



WEDDING BELLS

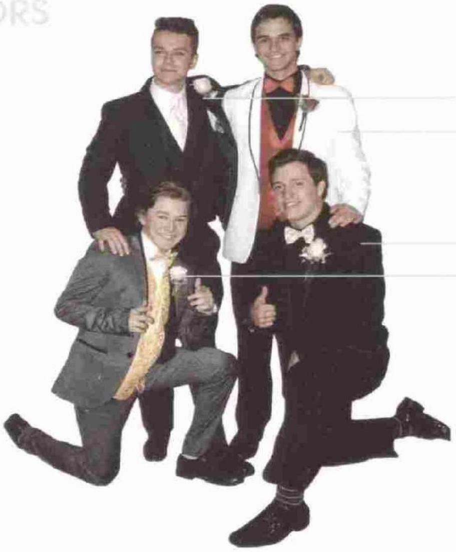
- Couple: Kaila Crague, senior and Livan Rivera, senior from Lake Central High School
- After plans: "We went to Chicago for food and went to Marcus Addison Theatre for a movie."
- "Many thought we were like a married couple because I looked like a bride."

THE BOYS

Tuxes and ties

SENIOR SUITORS

- "I felt amazing because my date and I matched so well."
- "It was different and I wanted to stand out."
- "I decided not to rent a tux because I looked so good in the one I already had."
- "I liked wearing all black, I thought it looked sharp."



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TO GO
PROM

IT STARTED WITH A PROMPOSAL

All about being prepared before the Grand March and Prom

A week before Prom, Kaitlyn Costello, senior, nervously in her eighth hour to be asked to prom by Mladjan Jankovic, senior, in the South parking lot after school. As she walked to her car at the end of the school day, she saw Mladjan laying on the ground outlined with a yellow chalk tracing his body and caution tape surrounding him.

"I was really confused when I went over to my car and saw him laying on the ground, but it was funny to see him laying there," Kaitlyn said.

After she saw him laying on the ground, Mladjan got up and held up the poster and told her he was "dying" to go to Prom with her, to which she accepted, according to Kaitlyn.

"I wasn't too nervous to ask her to Prom, I was excited to go with Kaitlyn to Prom," Mladjan said.

Pulling up to her driveway, Sammi Buvala, senior, noticed Steven Nowaczyk, senior, was walking down the street with the poster in his hand. As she stepped out of the car, he ran up to her dressed like Sammi Buvala's boyfriend.

"I had no idea what was going on, I was so surprised to see Steven holding up a poster to ask me to Prom," Sammi said.

According to Sammi, she thought it was a clever way to be asked to prom. Her boyfriend who attended Purdue could not make it to Prom, so Steven included Snapchats and Instagram pictures of her boyfriend and photoshopped himself into the photos.

"I definitely thought this was one of the funniest ways I had ever been asked. It was hilarious and I was really surprised," Sammi said.

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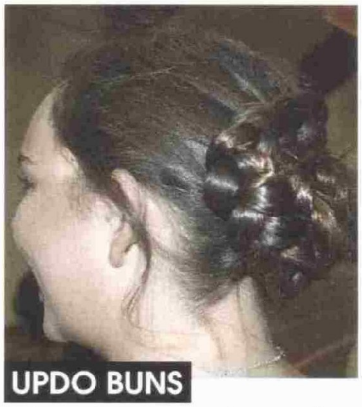
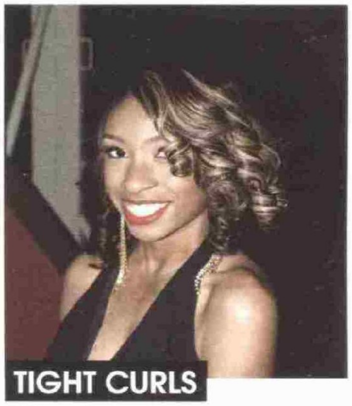
STYLIN' UP

Girls wore different hair styles to prom



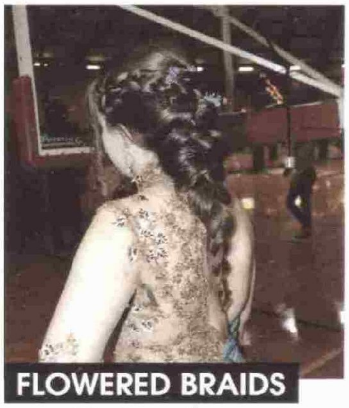
UPDO BUNS

"This complicated updo actually only took thirty minutes to do."



TIGHT CURLS

"I loved my curls becuase my hair was unique and I have never done anything like this before."

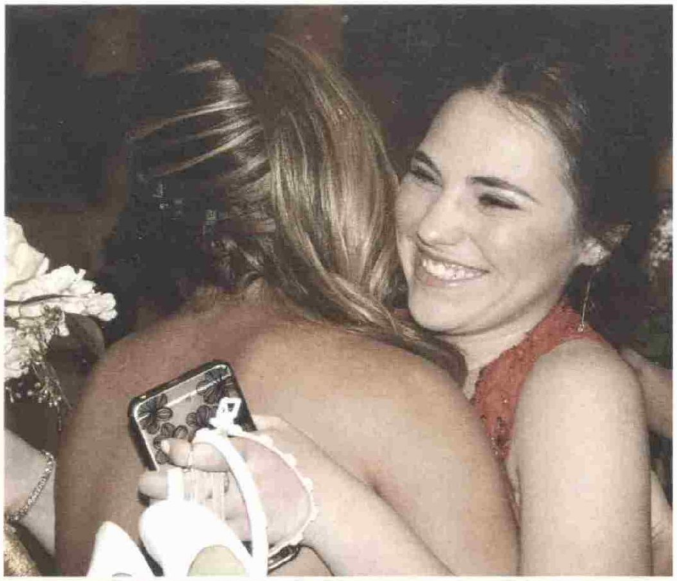


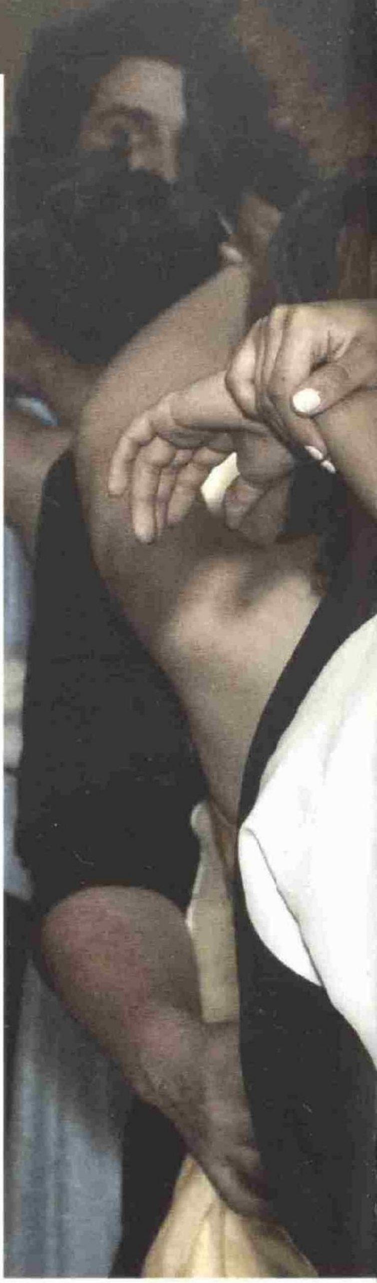
FLOWERED BRAIDS

"I paid for basically everything on my own and I made sure I felt like a fairy princess for my last dance."

CRIME SCENE Hugging Mladjan Jankovic, senior, Kaitlyn Costello, senior happily says yes to the prom asking. She accepted the flowers when she hugged him. "I was really confused yet suprised seeing caution tape and someone laying on the ground," Kaitlyn said.

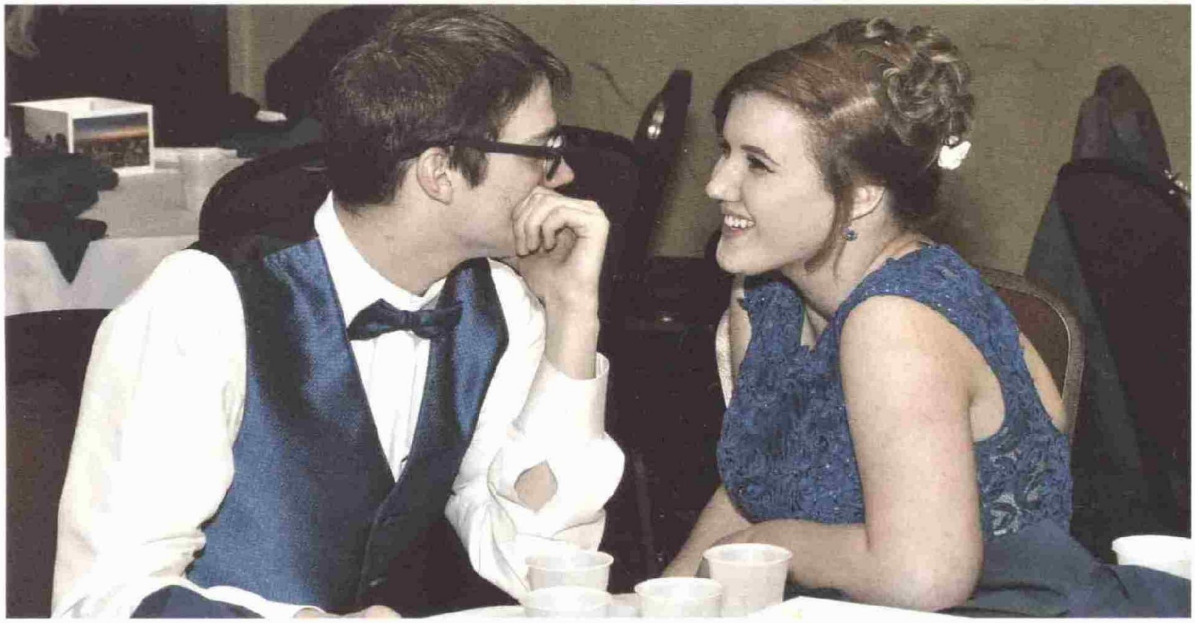
BE MINE Laughing as she walks out of her car, Sammi Buvala, senior notices Steven Nowaczyk, senior in her driveway with a poster. The poster had Steven photoshopped into pictures of Sammi and her boyfriend. "I definitely think this was by far my favorite way to be asked to a dance," Sammi said.





[illegible] During the Grande March, Katelyn Stank, jumior, hugs a friend. "I went to the Grande March because it was a good place to take pictures with friends that were not in my group for pictures," Katelyn said. "My favorite part was being able to see everyone before the dance and getting to talk to everyone."

[illegible] Taking a break from dancing, seniors Simon Pirok and Rachel Bishop enjoy refreshments and light conversation. The couple didn't stay long before heading to dinner. "Prom, was a lot of fun, but Simon and I weren't into dancing," Rachel said. "We left early to get smoothies from Dragon Bowl."



READY, SET, PROM

Whether it started weeks in advance or the morning of, students prepared for Prom in many ways

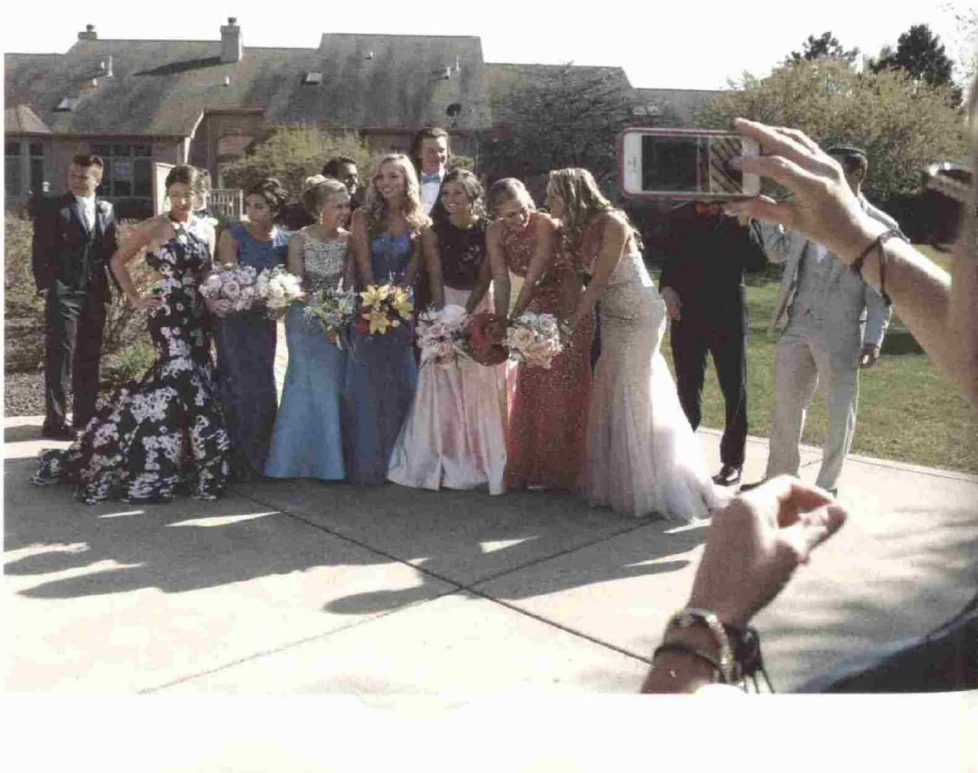
"To prepare for Prom I bought a dress off Prombay, shoes and got my nails done at Diamond Nails. Then, the day of Prom, I got my hair and makeup done at Accents."

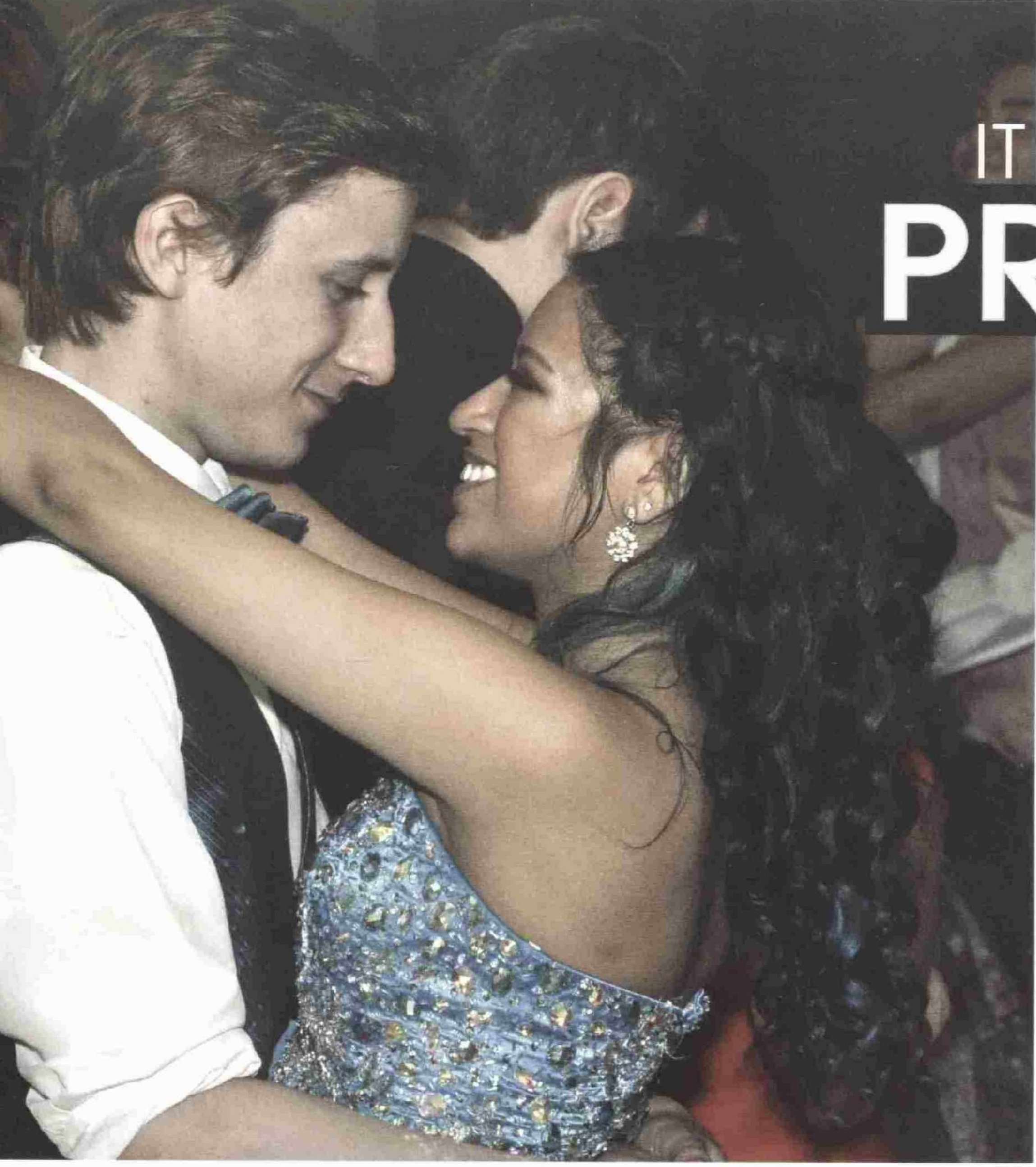
"I had my 14 year old sister do my hair, I'm serious."

"I let my mom handle everything like my tuxedo, the flowers, the limo and anything else that needed to be done."

"For Prom it was pretty easy, I tried to look good as possible so I showered and focused on my hair."

[illegible] Students Austin Andello, senior, and juniors Jolie Goldber, Ani Arxumanian, Tessa Bales, Skyler Gronkiewicz, Brendan Ristenpart, Hannah Zaremba, Olivia Bednarowski and Stevanija Vjestica pose for pictures at Stevanija's house before Prom. "It was always fun getting together before the dance and taking pictures," Hannah said. " We were able to see each others dresses and flowers up close and take a bunch of cute pictures. I think the parents enjoyed it more than we did sometimes, though."





IT ENDED WITH PROM

After looking foward to Prom all year, students dressed to the nines for an unforgettable night

As the girls stepped into their heels and guys tightened their ties, students put the finishing touches on their outfits before they walked out of the door and on the way to Prom. Most students walked the Grande March before heading to the dance in order to present their dresses and suits, as well as to admire their friend's attire.

"The march was fun because I was able to show off my dress and date to everyone," Zoe Mintz, senior, said. "It also was a great place to see everyone's dresses close up. It was a good precursor to the dance."

After the students had the chance to walk the New York themed march, they then headed over to the Serbian Social Center in Lynwood, Ill., to attend a dancing filled night.

"This dance was the best I had been to," Michaella Lorenz, senior, said. "The music was much better than it had been in the past. I danced all the way up until the time my date and I left."

Not only did students enjoy the music, they also enjoyed spur of the moment shenanigans.

"It was really funny lifting Dom Delia (senior) into the air and then having Mr. (Bill) Melby, (assistant principal) yell at us," Miles Barilla, senior, said. "Some of the senior guys were also getting up on the stage and trying to pump up the crowd."

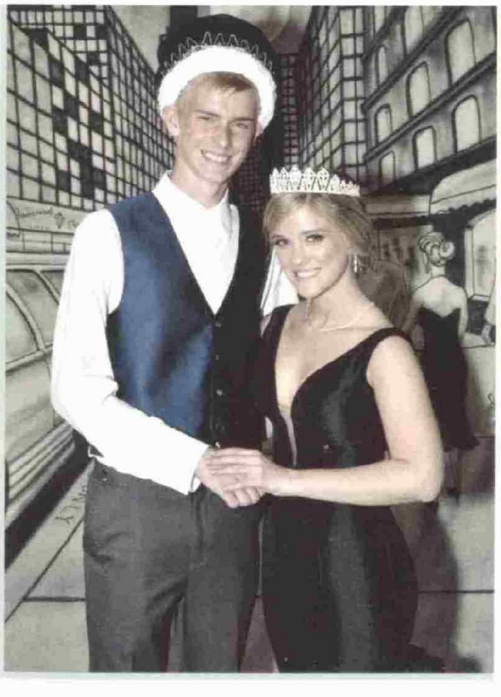
Aside from being one of the last big events before the school year came to a close, Prom meant much more to Amanda Forde, senior, after she was crowned Prom queen.

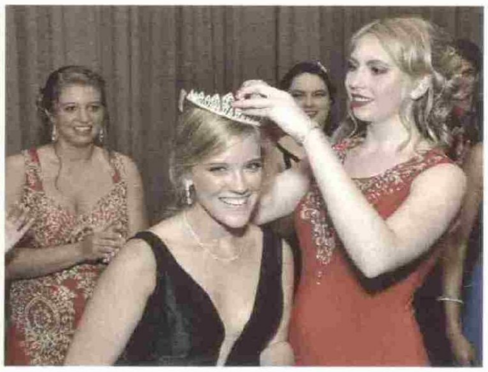
"When they announced the queen I really wasn't expecting it," Amanda said. "All the girls on court were great so just being a part of it with them was really awesome, but getting to be Prom queen was such an amazing feeling. It meant a lot seeing how happy and excited my friends were for me. It was something that I will always remember from my last dance as a senior."

LOVE BUGS During a slow dance, sophomores Alexander Eismin and Vanessa Pascual enjoy a moment together.

ROYALTY

After students were given the chance to vote for Prom king and queen at the dance, seniors Theo Burgwald and Amanda Forde were crowned royalty





ROYAL TREATMENT Students clap as Lane Terry, junior, crowns Amanda Forde, senior, as Prom Queen. "It will always be a memorable moment for me when I look back on high school," Amanda said

PICTURE PERFECT After being announced Prom King and Queen, seniors Theo Burgwald and Amanda Forde pose for a picture. "It came as a really big surprise, but it was different because I don't really like standing up in front of people and everyone was there," Theo said. "It was nice to know that people thought I was a good person."

1. FACE THE MUSIC During Battle of the Bands, Matt Travis, junior, performs his original song "Hey Down." After the talent acts preformed, the judges declared Matt the winner. "I was in (Battle of the Bands) to perform my song and cast my message," Matt said. "I wanted to stir something in people."

2. GUITAR PLAY Attempting to get unique noises from his guitar, Calvin Leick, senior, adjusts his pedals. He knelt down while performing "Suite-Pee" by System of a Down. "(When performing) I felt the happiest I could be," Calvin said. "I got to forget about all the restraints I put on myself during the day."

3. THAT'S A WRAP Closing the set with "Alive" by Pearl Jam, Jerry Jacinto, senior, Nic Blackstone, '14, Hannah Ernst, junior, and Brett Butler, senior, perform. They danced around the stage and gave their last effort for a good show. "I'm able to express my feelings through my performance with people I love in front of an awesome crowd," Jerry said.

4. TURN A TWIRL Mid-preformance, Hansa Vavilala, sophomore, strikes a pose after doing a turn on stage. Hansa danced with her HUM group. "I'm happiest when I'm dancing, and I love sharing that side of my culture with my friends," Hansa said.

5. CROWD PLEASER At the end of singing "Broken" by Seether, Robert Wente, sophomore, leans down to get closer to the audience. Kneeling down, he engaged with the crowd. "This song was a crowd favorite," Robert said. "Although I was nervous to play it, I was really excited."

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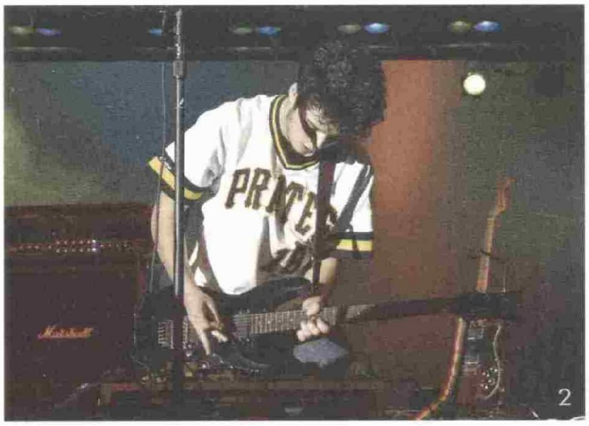
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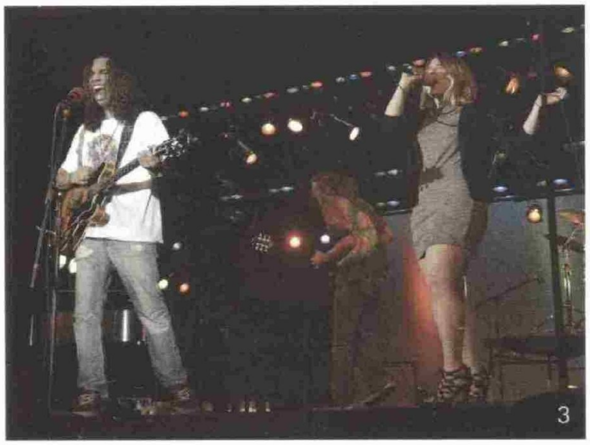
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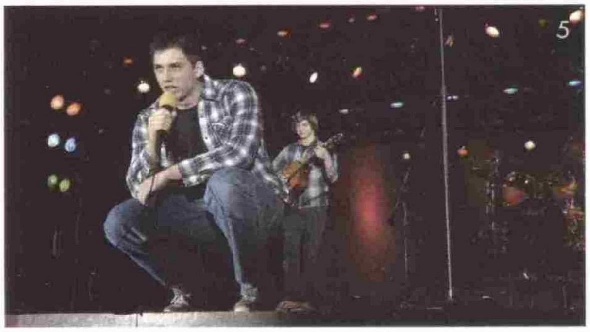
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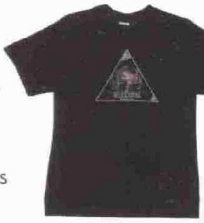
STORY BEHIND THE TEE

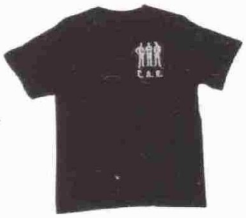
Band members from Battle of the Bands explain the origin of their t-shirt designs

BELLADONNA



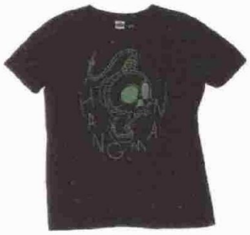
"Brett Butler (senior) came up with the idea. Belladonna is the name of a poisonous flower so the t-shirt has the flower on it. (The flower) also goes by 'Deadly Nightshade' so the moon in the corner ties it together nicely." [illegible]

THREE HUNKS IN A BASEMENT



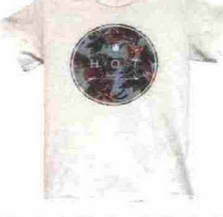
"The logo on the front of the shirt says C.A.R., which is for our initials Cody (Phillips, sophomore), Alex (Weakland, sophomore), and Robert (Wente, sophomore). The back is just the name of our band." Cody Phillips, sophomore

HANGMAN



"The design is a skull that has a noose in its mouth, hence hangman. I wanted it to be a crazy skill guy that was being dropped out of the air. I just came up with the idea and jotted it down on my laptop in a painting app." [illegible]

HOT



"We chose a vibrant floral pattern to stick with our Hawaiian shirt theme on stage. The minimalist label looks classy enough to buy in an actual store but personal enough for fans to identify us by." [illegible]

TOO HOT TO HANDLE

At Battle of the Bands members of the band Hot took the win

After last years loss, the new Battle of the Band victors, Hot, wore smiles for the entire night.

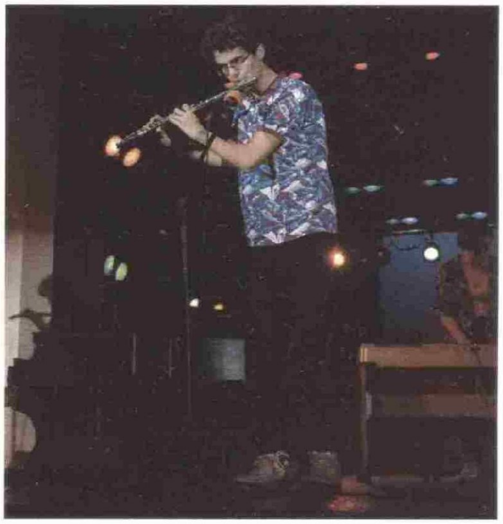
"It was an overwhelming feeling," Annie Phelps, sophomore, said. "Last year we were really disappointed, part of me was in disbelief."

Along with winning Battle, the band also had many personal gains.

"When we won, it was nice, but it wasn't something I had built up as a huge victory," Anna Whitney, junior, said. "I had already gained a lot of experience with my time with Hot the band. During Battle I didn't think much of winning. I thought a lot about how much time I had spent with all of the excellent new friends I had made."

After their victory, the band went out to Beggar's Pizza with Belladonna to celebrate their win together.

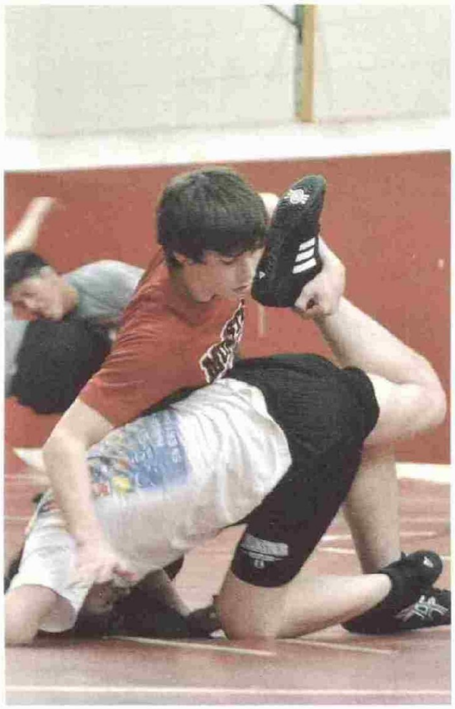
"I was really happy the entire night," Annie said. "I couldn't stop smiling because I was so grateful. It was nice to be rewarded for something you love."

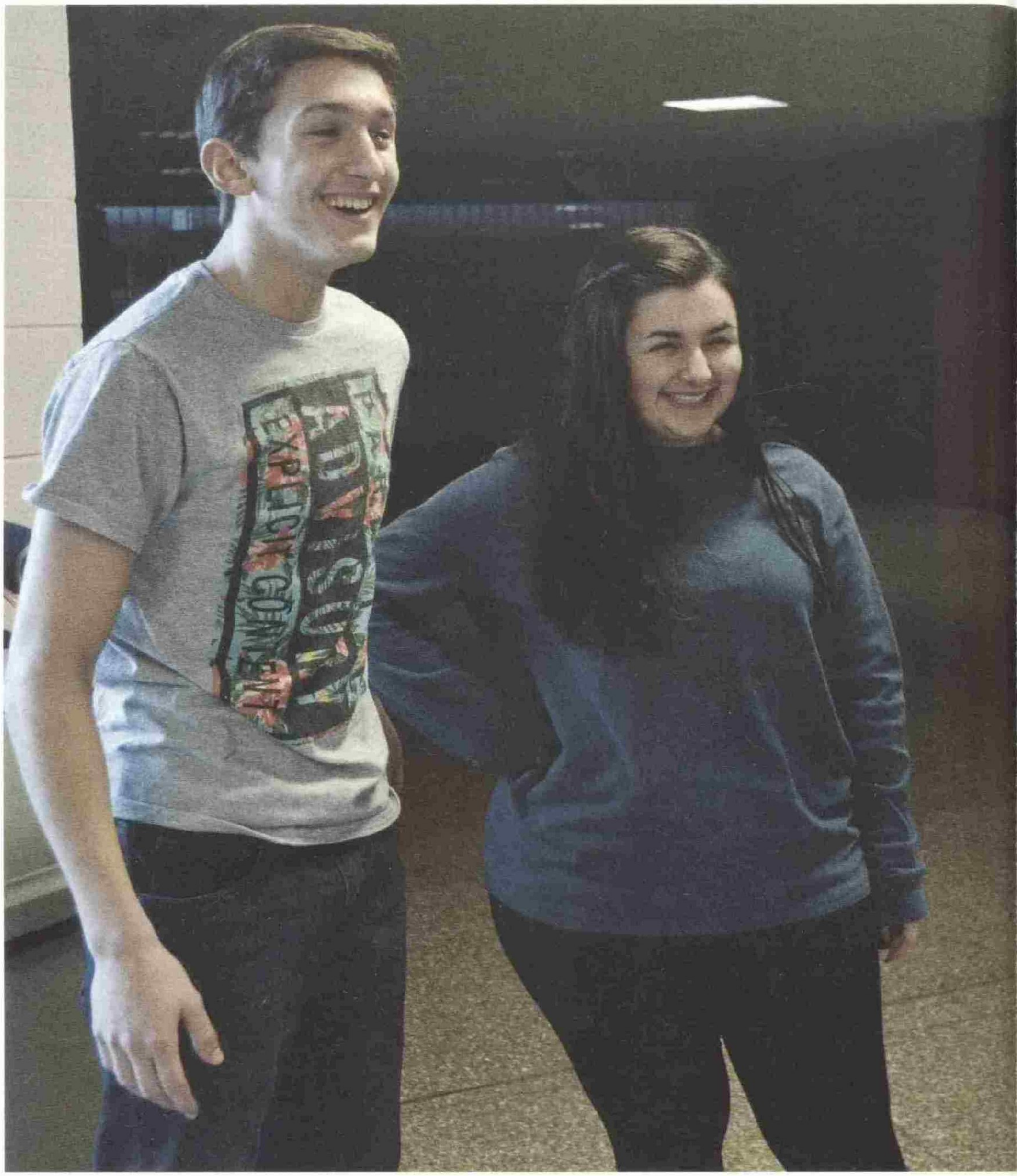


CHANGE IN PACE Performing "Tear in my Heart" by Twenty One Pilots Annie Phelps, sophomore, sings and Chloe Moffet, sophomore, plays drums. Everything was quiet except the bass and vocals. "I sat on the edge of the stage, so I could interact with the crowd more," Annie said.

GUEST STAR During "A-Punk" by Vampire Weekend, Arlo Detmer, senior, was featured in Hot the band's performance. He played a flute solo for the band. "It was pretty exhilarating to be featured by such a famous band," Arlo said."Flute players don't always get to participate in that type of music, so it was very special."

[illegible] Brothers Jason Crary, junior, and Cody Crary, sophomore, were on the wrestling team together this season. Jason's record overall was 21-7 and Cody's was 19-8, both had 8 pins.





ALWAYS [illegible] Making memories, Dimitri Chioros, freshman, and cousins Samantha Alexiou, junior, Angela Alexiou, freshman and Thalia Chioros, sophomore, spend time together in school. Seeing each other around the school isn't anything new for this family. "It's really cool to have a bunch of family in the high school with me," Thalia said.

#FORDESTRONG

Students show support on social media through tweets

Nick Swanson
@nickkswanson

We Appreciate all the wonderful things you have done for me and for others. We'll never forget you💜 #FordeStrong

11/8/15, 7:59 PM

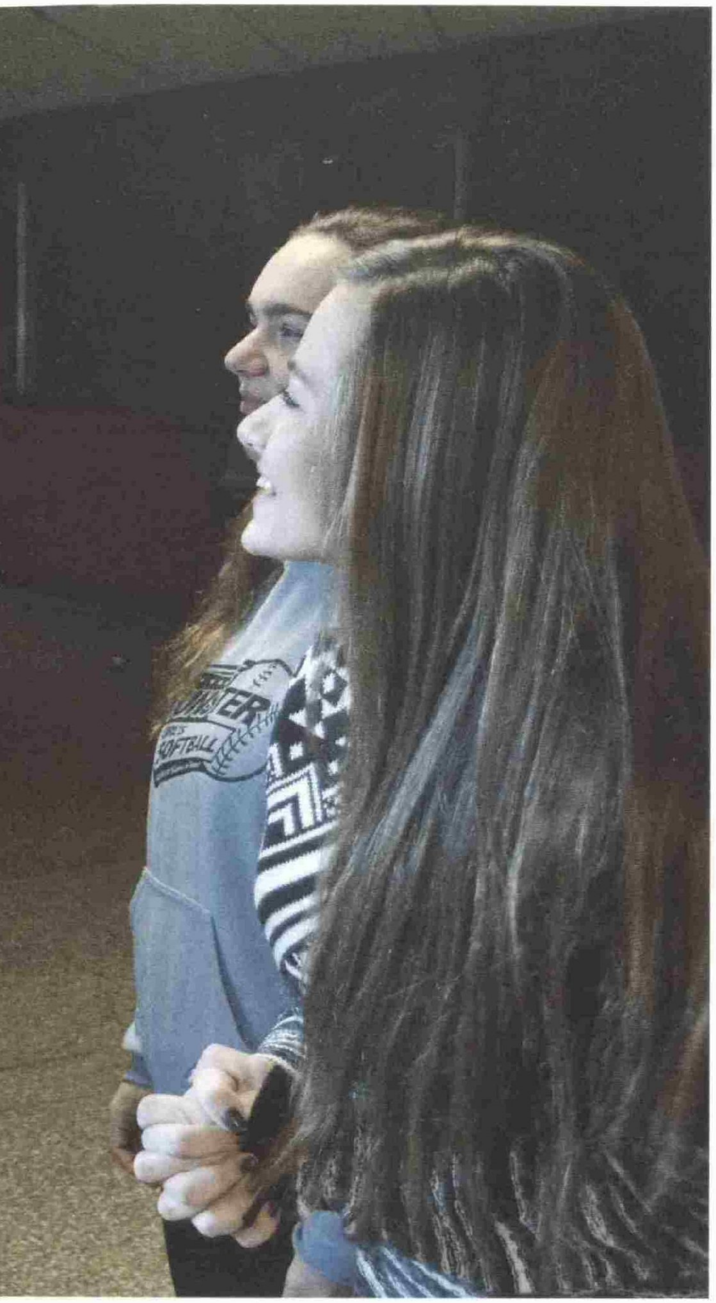
Victoria Williams
@vic1277

I'm truly grateful for knowing such a strong,sweet,loving woman. All my prayers to the Forde Family. Rest easy Mrs.Forde💜🙏#FordeStrong

11/8/15, 8:43 PM

Source: Twitter

#FORDESTRONG Dressed in purple, the student section, students showed their support for the Forde family. Unaware of what to expect, Amanda was suprised at the outcome. "Walking in and seeing the basketball team's warmups and the student section in purple was even better than I imagined," Amanda said.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Stories about families this year

Seeing each other at weddings is typical, but seeing each other in the hallways happens too. Thalia Chioros, sophomore, and her third cousins Samantha Alexiou, junior, and Angela Alexiou, freshman, can often be seen together.

"I see my cousins basically every weekend," Chioros said. "Whether it be at church, family parties, weddings or other celebrations."

Besides seeing each other at places that require an RSVP, the families arrange their own times to get together. Getting a call to go to downtown Chicago for some pizza happens almost every weekend, and brings the family close together.

"Sometimes I'll get a call late at night to go downtown," Chioros said. "We all spend so much time in the city together it's amazing."

Coming together as a family is never a difficult task for our student body. With the loss of Diane Forde, mother to Jimmy, freshman and Amanda, senior, the student body came together at a home basketball game to show their support and love for Diane.

"She loved going to the basketball games to see all the kids and our family friends." Amanda said.

Wearing the color purple to symbolize Hodgkin's lymphoma, the student section wore purple shirts to show their respect for the Forde family.

"It meant a lot to my family and I to see everyone in purple. It showed us how many people were there to support us, how many people knew my mom and how she effected them in some way when she was here," Amanda said.

"It showed how many people my mom touched, and how many people care about my mom. It was my favorite theme ever," Jimmy said.

A brother and sister relationship stronger than most, Austin, senior, and Addy, freshman, Andello are close on and off the field.

"Addy and I are always together," Austin said. "She has my back and I have hers. From seeing her score her first goal in her first start against LC to going to watch her play at semi-state, it is what both of us work so hard for."

"It's cool to see each other play soccer and I love watching him because I look up to him so much," Addy said. "We love to play soccer, shop at the same stores, and we basically copy each other with what we have. We always practice with one another in our free time and we push each other to our fullest."

SEEING DOUBLE

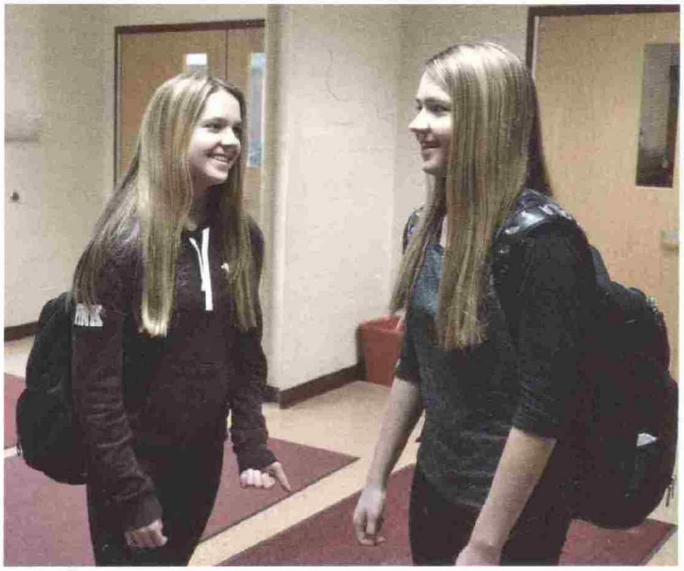
Best friends inside and outside of school, freshmen identical twins Brenna and Bella Dyrhaug Balling, share likes and dislikes

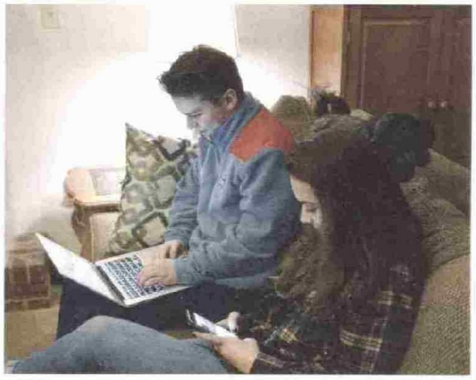
BRENNA LIKES:	DISLIKES:
▪ FC Barcelona	▪Math class
▪ Cold weather	▪Cooking
▪ English class	▪Art

"We're literally best friends," Brenna said. "We like the same food, wear the same clothes, and enjoy the same music.

BELLA LIKES:	DISLIKES:
▪Real Madrid C.F.	▪SpaghettiOs
▪Math class	▪Cold weather
▪Warm weather	▪English class

"We used to live in Arizona and I definitely prefer the warm weather." Bella said. "Brenna doesn't mind cold weather though now that we live in Indiana."





SIBLING BONDING Hanging out in their free time, Austin Andello, senior, and Addy Andello, freshman, shop online. Having similar taste in fashion, shopping is a hobby they share. "We like the same brands like Nike and Lulu Lemon so shopping is easy," Addy said.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Coming to live in America at thirteen years old, Mladjan Jankovic, senior, faced changes in a new country

Moving to Munster, IN at thirteen years old was a big step in Mladjan Jankovic's, senior, life. Not being able to speak English proved to be a difficult task when it came to attending school and going about daily activities. Surrounded by students and teachers he never knew and living in a country that he had only previously visited once, it was all a big adjustment.

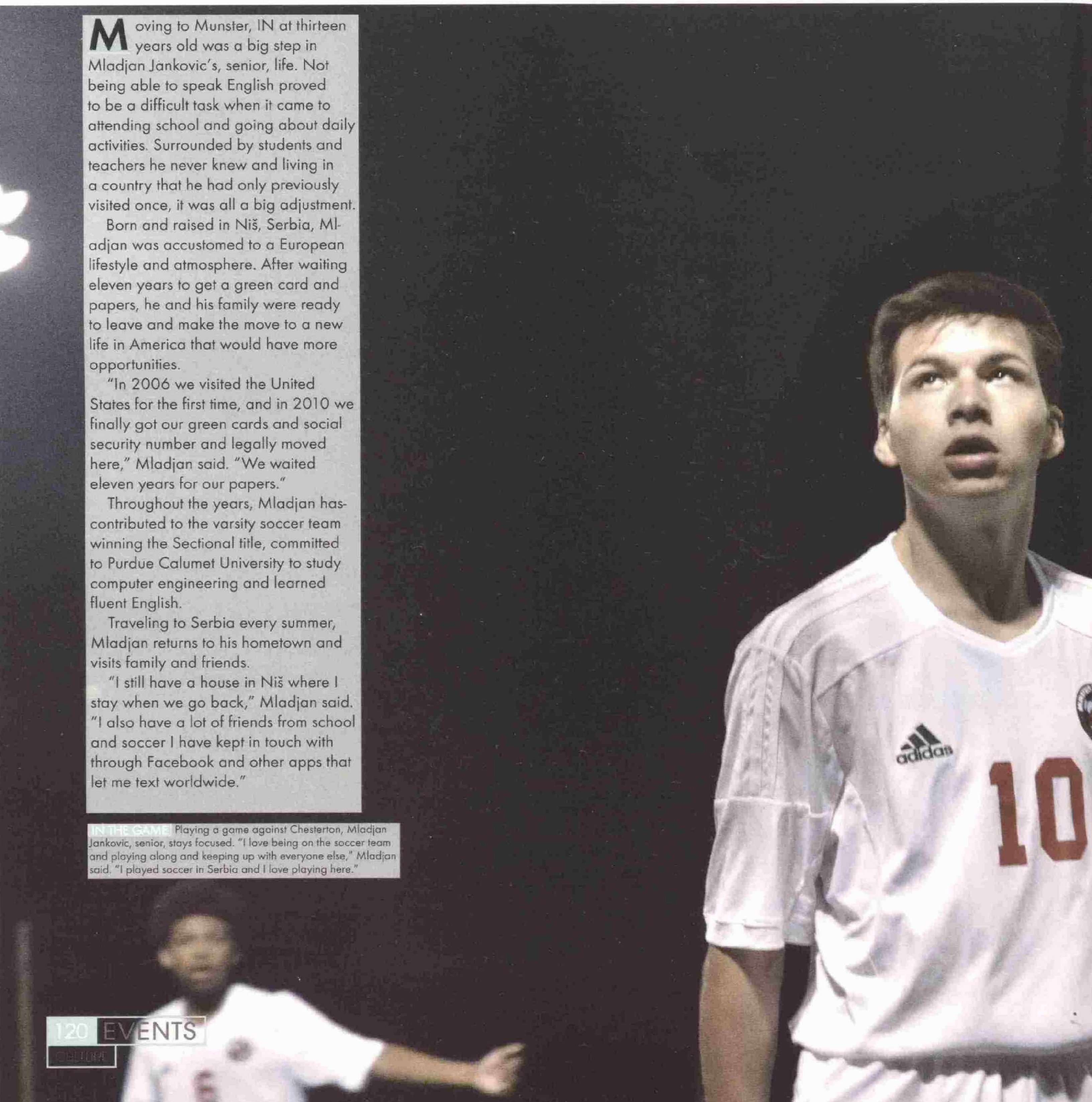
Born and raised in Niš, Serbia, Mladjan was accustomed to a European lifestyle and atmosphere. After waiting eleven years to get a green card and papers, he and his family were ready to leave and make the move to a new life in America that would have more opportunities.

"In 2006 we visited the United States for the first time, and in 2010 we finally got our green cards and social security number and legally moved here," Mladjan said. "We waited eleven years for our papers."

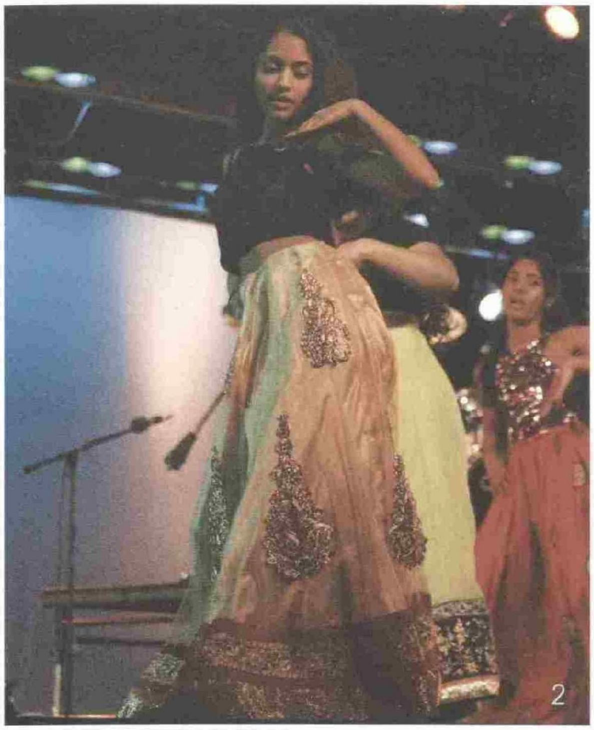
Throughout the years, Mladjan has contributed to the varsity soccer team winning the Sectional title, committed to Purdue Calumet University to study computer engineering and learned fluent English.

Traveling to Serbia every summer, Mladjan returns to his hometown and visits family and friends.

"I still have a house in Niš where I stay when we go back," Mladjan said. "I also have a lot of friends from school and soccer I have kept in touch with through Facebook and other apps that let me text worldwide."

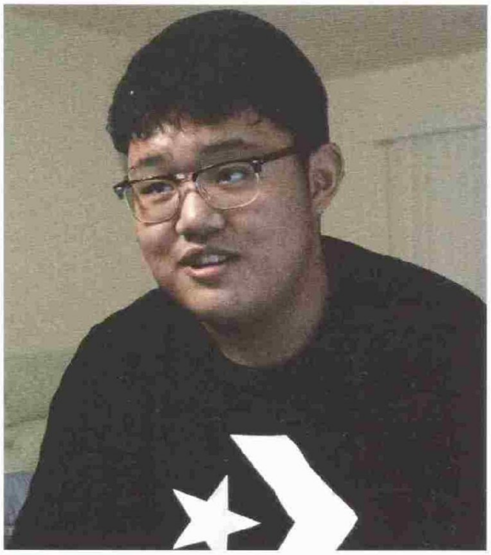


IN THE GAME Playing a game against Chesterton, Mladjan Jankovic, senior, stays focused. "I love being on the soccer team and playing along and keeping up with everyone else," Mladjan said. "I played soccer in Serbia and I love playing here."



NOTICING THE DIFFERENCES

Moving to America from Shenyang, China, Qian Bo Zhao, sophomore, answers questions about his new surroundings in and out of school



A NEW HOME Explaining his move to America , Qian Bo Zhao, sophomore, talks in his living room. "We came to the United States for a better life and work," Qian Bo said.

Q: Do you do anything differently in America that you did in China?

A: [illegible]

Q: What differences and similarities are there in food compared to America and China?

A: [illegible]

Source: Qian Bo Zhao, sophomore

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

During Homecoming and at football games, traditions met school culture

HOMECOMING TRADITIONS:

- FLOATS: Sophomore, junior and senior CEC built floats themed for the match against the Andrean 59ers.
- SPIRIT WEEK: Tuesday through Friday students dressed up in career, twin, decade and spirit attire.
- CHICKEN BARBECUE DINNER: The annual Chicken Barbecue dinner hosted by the Speech and Debate Team served over 2,000 dinners before the football game.

STUDENT SECTION TRADITIONS:

- THEME OF THE NIGHT: From random costume to toga to color designated t-shirt nights, the student section coordinated outfits through Facebook

ALL AMERICAN In an American Flag morphsuit, Alex Mis, senior, cheers on the football team from the student section. Students dressed up in red, white and blue for the Homecoming game.

1. WHIPPING ON STAGE Dancing on stage during Battle of the Bands, Gurkian Kaur, junior, dances to modern music instead of traditional Indian music. "We wanted a mixture of American culture with some Bollywood in it," Gurkian said.

2. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Representing her culture on stage along side others, Jasmine Toor, sophomore, believed the hard work paid off. "We had a lot of practices that were difficult, but we were super productive towards the end so it all worked out," Jasmine said.

SAVED BY THE BELL

Students shared how they used their time during passing periods

What did you do during passing periods?

"I normally go to the bathroom before the next class and if I have time I go and socialize."

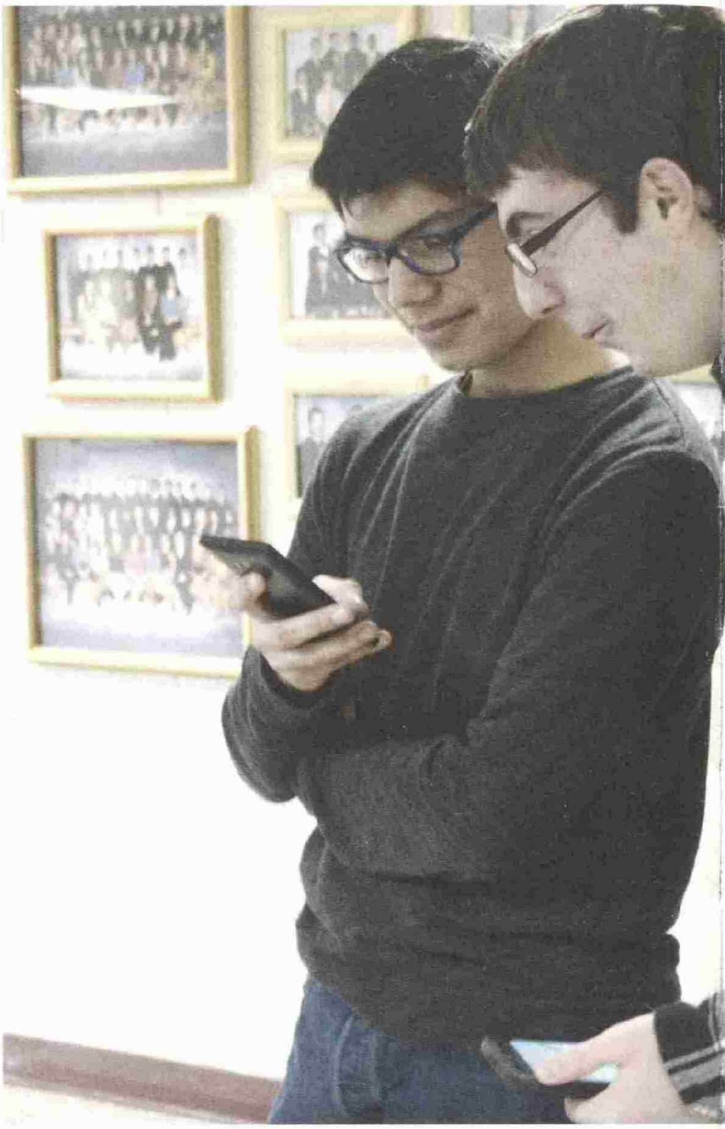
- Jessica Tarpo, sophomore

"It depends; I either walk with friends from class to class or sometimes I try to get to classes early if I need extra help before a test or quiz."

- Anna Dabrowski, sophomore

"In the hallways, I walk and talk with friends and sometimes run to my locker if I need to grab a book or something for class."

- Nick Peirick, freshman



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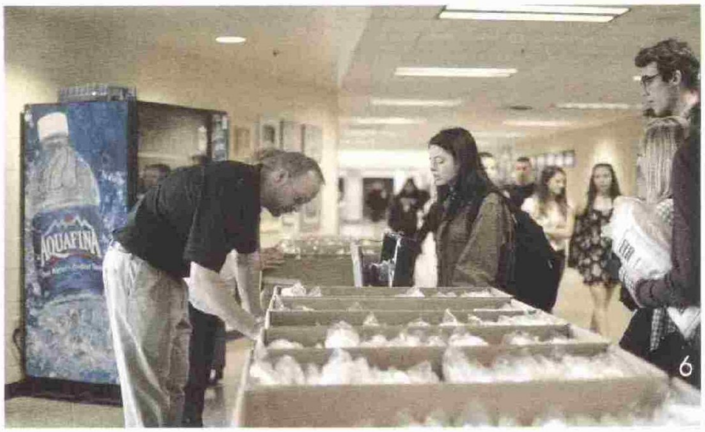
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4. MORNING RUN Running late to class, Alex Balac, senior, runs to his first period. With a strict policy on tardies, he made sure to hurry, according to Alex. "I was always worried about being late because I have Econ with Donald Fortner, Social Studies teacher first hour," Alex said. "So I definitely did not want a detention."

6. AFTER LUNCH After eating lunch, Lauren Wenzel, senior, waited to recieve her cap and gown from Herff Jones. The area to pick up the graduation attire had a full line before and after lunch. "I had to pick up my cap and gown so I made sure to do so after lunch," Lauren said. "It's convienient it's outside the cafeteria so I didn't want to forget."

5. COMMON CRAZE Busy and crowded in the mornings, Lauren Kozy, freshman, stood with friends as she waited for the bell to ring. She often waits in the commons to be dismissed for class, according to Lauren. "I like standing around and waiting for the bell to ring before school starts." Lauren said. "It allows me to talk with friends and socialize."

HALLIN' IT TO CLASS

It was an event that happened seven times a day: passing period

The hallways are filled with people doing various things. Teachers stand outside their doors to monitor students, yet students are worried and focused about getting from class to class in a timely frame, as well as getting whatever they need to do done within seven minutes. When it came to overhearing conversations, it varied from student to student.

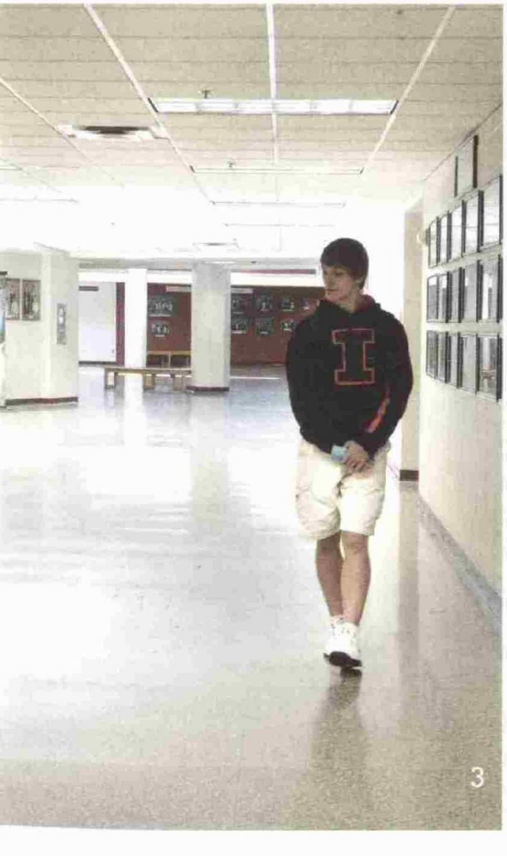
"I hear a lot of socializing and laughing in the hallways," Garret Glover, junior, said. "I hear a combination of personal drama and anything related to school and classes."

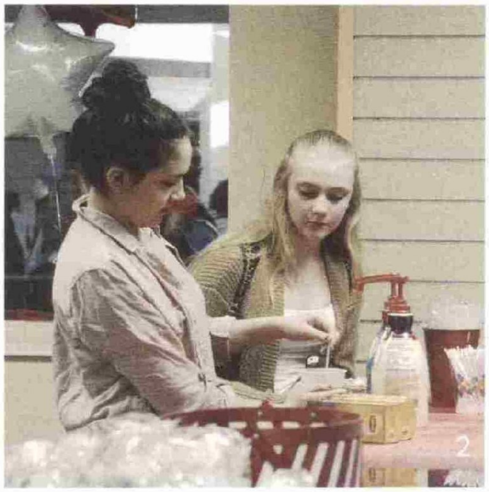
Students traveling from across the school to the other end, had a time constraint to use the restroom, or go to their locker, according to Ethan Levy, freshman.

"I hear talking more than anything else in the hallway, kids will just form a circle and talk around instead of going to grab their books or doing things they have to do before the next class," Brodie Claesgens, senior, said.

Passing periods served as a saving grace for some, or a quick break for others. Whether students used the restroom, went to their locker, or socialized with friends, students utilized their seven minutes in between classes.

"I like how seven minutes gives me a little time to be able to do what I need or what I want before the next class," Brodie said.





1. PHONE BREAK Looking at their phones, juniors Joshua Ruiz, and Matthew Michel, laugh at videos on Youtube. On most days, they hung out together in the Commons before the bell rang, and they had to go to their first hour classes on the opposite sides of the school. "We were laughing on our phones before school which is something we do often," Matthew said.

2. CORRAL COFFEE Mixing creamer into their coffee before school at the Corral Cafe, freshmen Chyan Rangel and Isabelle Bednarwoski, try to hurry to make it to class before the bell rings. Both girsl grabbed coffee from the Corral at least once a week, usually on late days. "I liked how I was able to get coffee and snacks in the morning before school," Isabelle said.

3. BACK TO CLASS Walking back to class from Student Services, Josh Brann, junior, scans the empty hallway around him. He tried hurrying back to class beause he was focused on his studies,so he did not like to miss class for anything, according to Josh. "I'm a fan of socializing throughout the halls with my friends during a passing period," Josh said.

PARTY PEOPLE

Students were thrown parties and attended them throughout the year

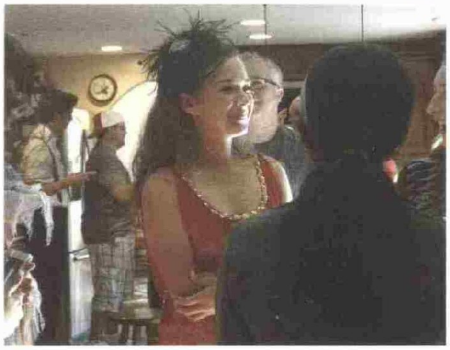
A SWEET SIXTEEN

"As long as Thalia had fun, that was all that mattered—and I got to have fun with my friends."

Evan Dubose, freshman

DANCE BREAK Talking with friends, Evan Dubose, sophomore, takes a break from dancing at sophomore Thalia Chioros' 16th birthday party. Evan cooled down at a nearby table, before returning to dance. "It was a fun and safe environment," Evan said. "Being there with all my friends made it to be a nice day for me," Evan said.

A SURPRISE PARTY



"It was cool how it was done for me and how surprised I was by my friends and family."

Addy Andello, freshman

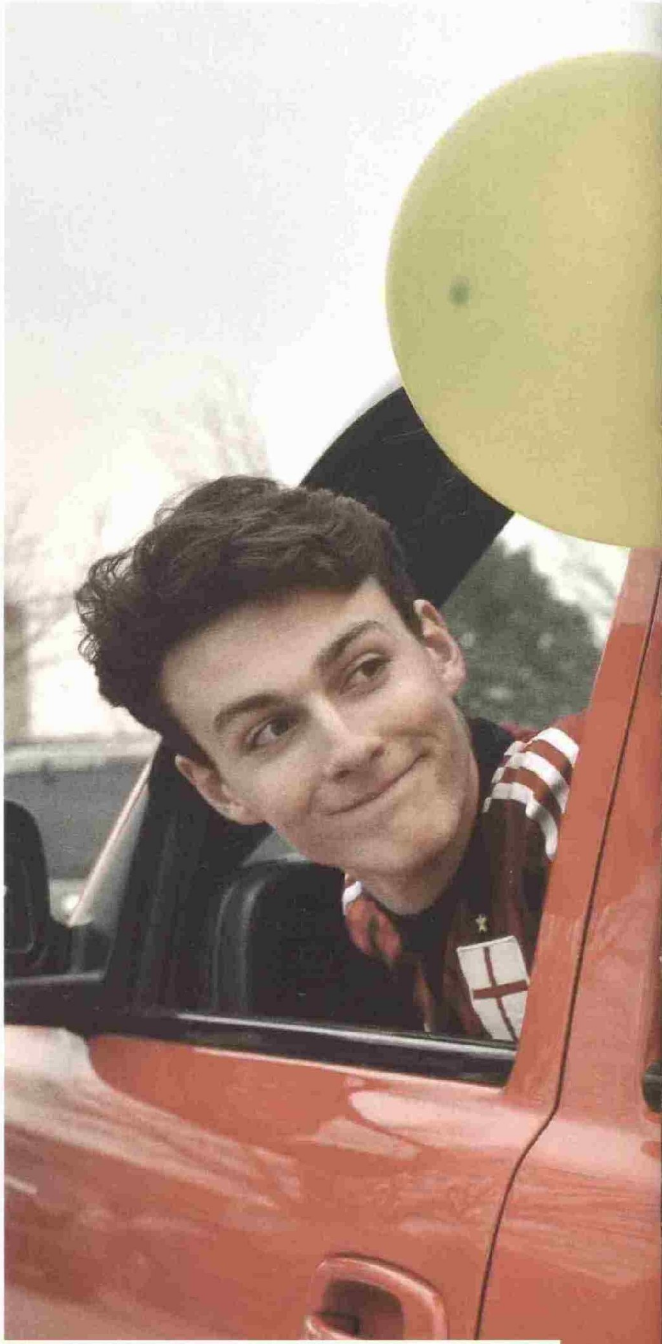
FEELIN THE LOVE Caught by surprise, Addy Andello, freshmen, walks into her house to be surprised by her friends and family. Addy did not even notice the cars outside her house. "I had a great birthday this year because of friends and family; I was just so surprised," Addy said.

A COSTUME PARTY

"The party was a blast, but since I lack dancing ability, I had to find other ways to get jiggy with it."

Zack Simic, senior

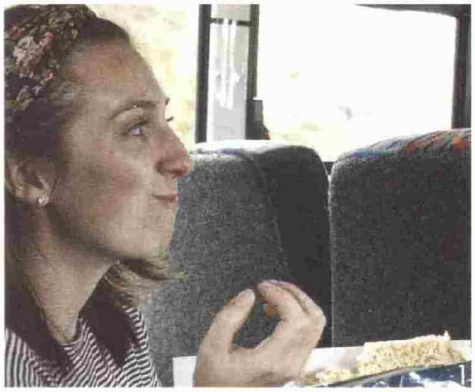
HANG LOOSE Hanging from the ceiling, Zack Simic, senior, clings to the pillar in front of his classmates. The Halloween party was costume-themed with a lot of dancing for senior Maria Kyriakos' 18th birthday. "Dancing with my friends is always fun," Zack said. "But doing crazy dance moves is even better."

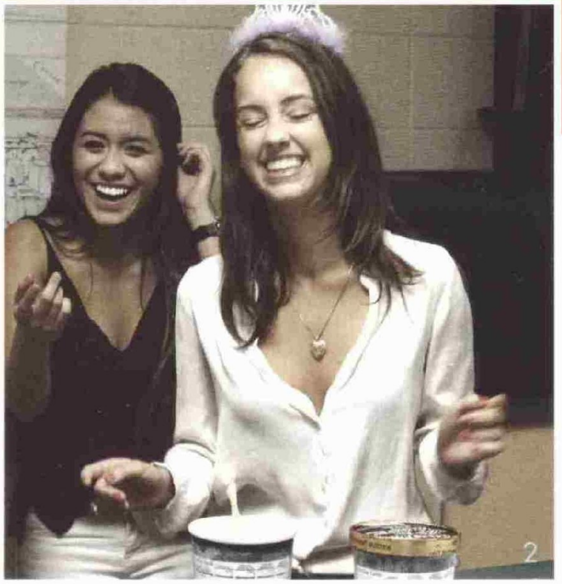


PUB BIRTHDAYS

THE YEARBOOK STAFF CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAYS

- Birthday buddy system
- Favorite food/deserts
- Got to wear a crown all class period
- Staff sings happy birthday
- Birthday person blows out candles

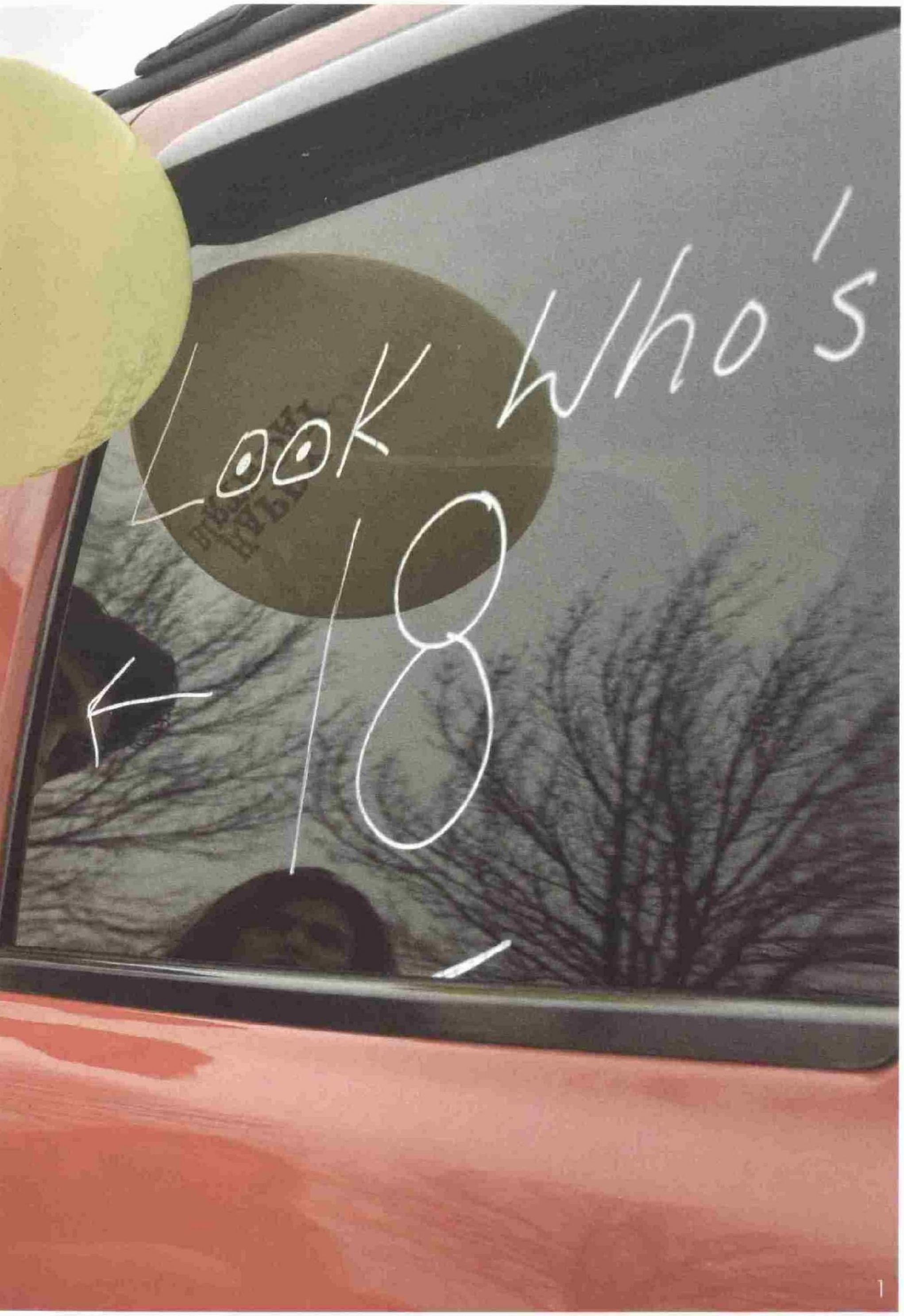




1. SWEET SUPRISE Heading on a weekend field trip, Sidney Milne, junior, is surprised with a two pound rice krsipie treat for her birthday. When she received the treat, she appreciated the kind gesture, according to Sidney.

2. BLOWN AWAY On her 18th birthday, Therese Capriglione, senior, laughed with Elisa Del Toro, junior, before blowing out her candles. Therese wore a purple crown in the classroom for the day as per the years-old Publications Department tradition dictated.

3. BIRTHDAY TWINS As part of the Publication's staff tradition, Lexie Lyons, senior, and Nicole Roberts, freshman, blew out their candles before class. Lexie turned 18, while Nicole turned 16.



ICING ON THE CAKE

A freshman and a senior celebrated their birthdays in different ways

In the Mexican tradition, when a girl turns 15, she was thrown a Quinceanera. For Samantha Barraza, freshmen, it was much more than just tradition. It was an experience that meant coming into adulthood.

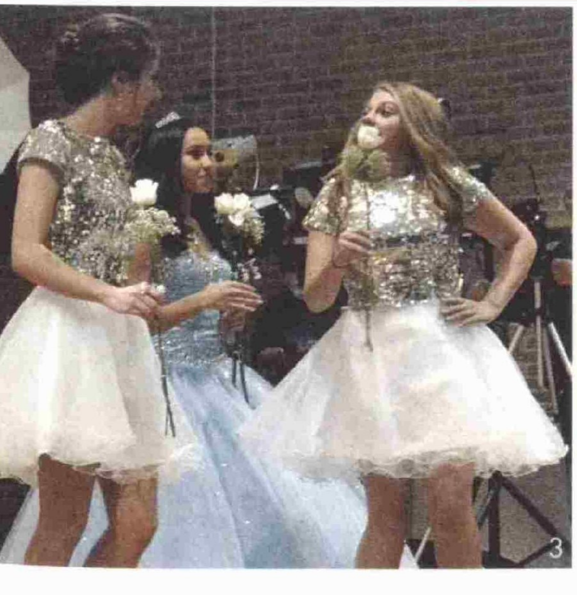
"I was not seen as a baby anymore by family," Samantha said. "And I got so excited because I got to get this fancy dress, and I've never done that for any other birthday."

According to her older sister, Alexia Barraza, remembering what it was like to receive this celebration was such an amazing experience.

"It was an emotional experience just seeing my little sister growing up and coming into her own; it was so awesome," Alexa said. "Having gone through that myself, it was cool because I knew exactly how she felt in those moments."

Waking up the morning of his eighteenth birthday, Camden Seput, senior, was suprised to see his car covered in balloons and writing. Suprised by the kind gesture, it made the day much more exciting and memorable, according to Camden.

"I walked outside and just saw my car completely covered with balloons and stuff saying 'happy birthday,'" Camden said. "It was really cool that my dad did that for me."



1. PIMP MY RIDE Celebrating his eighteenth birthday, Camden Seput, senior, woke up in the morning with his car covered in decorations. Camden was shocked to see his car decked out. "It was a little embarrassing driving to school with it," Camden said. "But I was really appreciative my dad did it."

2. FESTIVE FOOD Surprised by what was on her desk, Gurk Kaur, junior, walks into first period with a huge smile on her face. Friends before class surprised Gurk with a pile of food. "I love food and I got even more throughout the day," Gurk said. "It definitely made the rest of my day."

3. IT'S MY PARTY For her fifteenth birthday, Sam Barraza, freshmen, celebrates with family and friends. The celebration included a dance routine Sam performed with a court of eight girls. "Turning this age means much more freedom," Sam said. "I get to be with friends and be treated like I'm older."

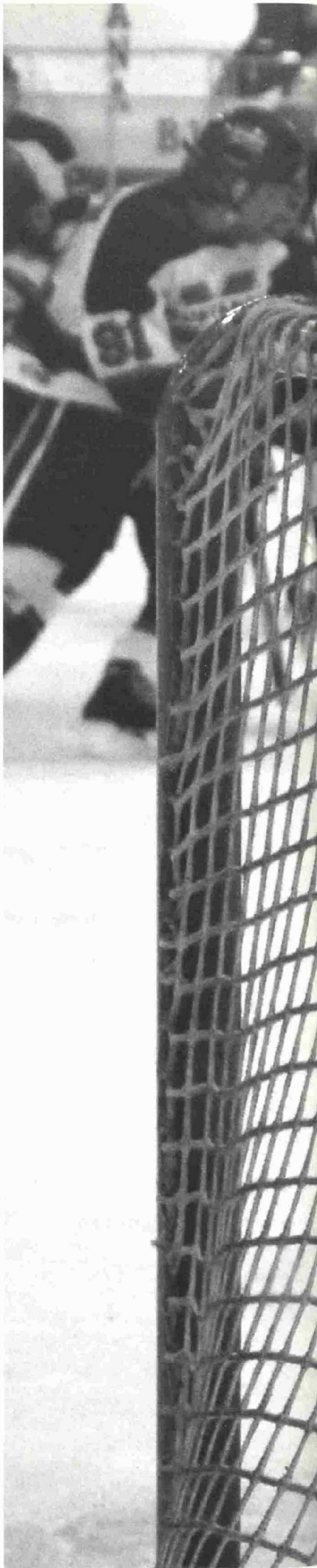
ONE MOMENT TO BREAK THE RECORD

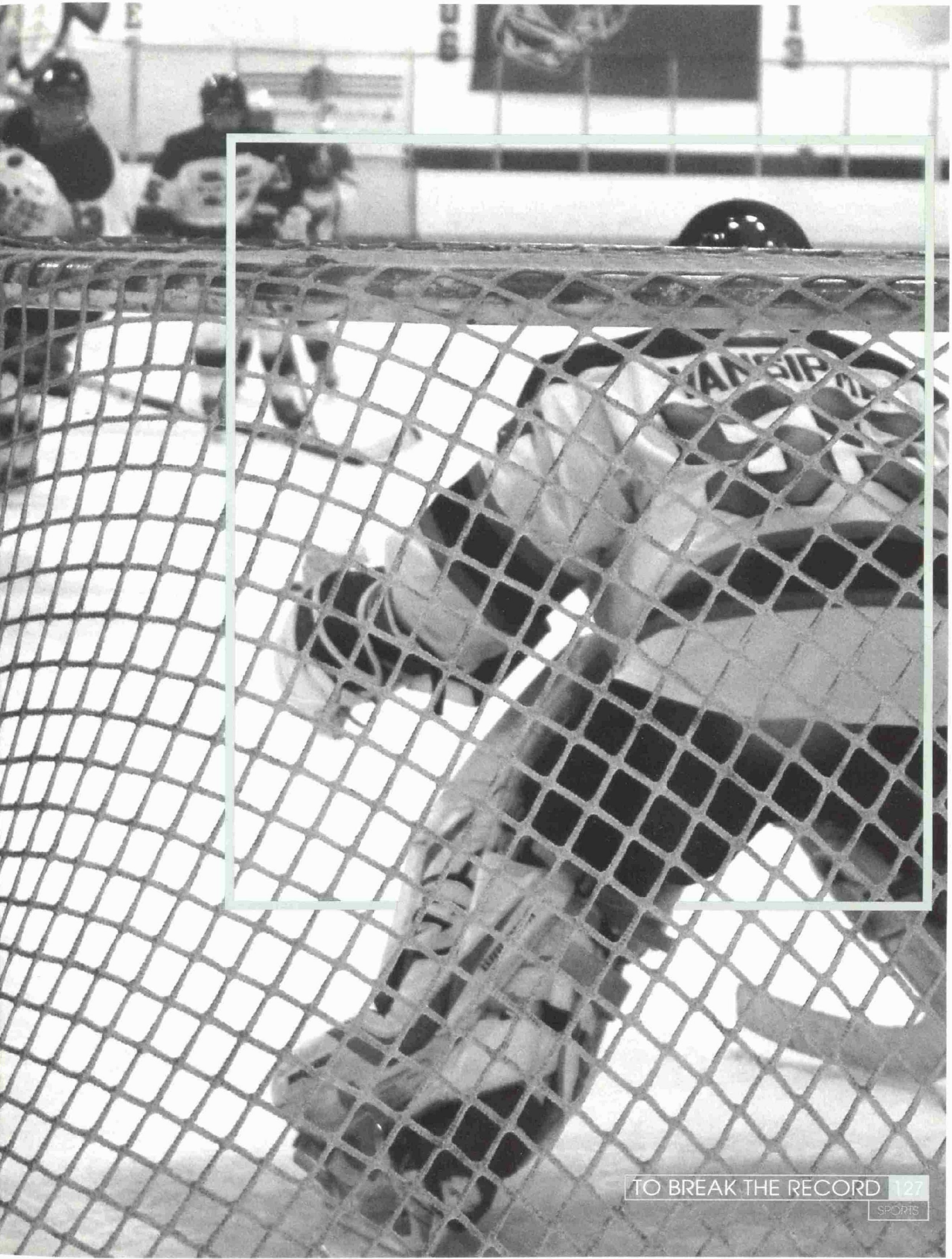
WE DID NOT STOP RUNNING UNTIL THE BUZZER WENT OFF, THE WHISTLE WAS BLOW OR THE CLOCK HIT ZERO. We pushed ourselves through TURF BURNS, shin splints and sore muscles. We danced in the locker rooms to BRITNEY SPEARS before our biggest games. We dove in COLD WATER before the first bell rang. We ran seven miles down COLUMBIA AVENUE in rain, snow and ninety-five degree heat.

We spent months preparing for single moments– to make headlines in the NWI TIMES, to hold up a STATE TROPHY IN INDIANAPOLIS or to hear the audience call out our names as we came out of a TRIPLE PIROUETTE.

When we had ONE MOMENT to make or break the game, we did not shy away. We stepped on the line for the FREE THROW. We huddled together to strategize before OVERTIME. We LOCKED EYES with the goalie before taking a PENALTY KICK. Whether it was on the turf, a court, a field, a diamond or a mat, we left EVERYTHING where we stood.

We captured MOMENTS. We put our faith in our teammates when they TOSSED us in the air as we cheered. We put on a JERSEY and put away our worries for one game. Though we may not always wear the jersey, we will always LEAVE OUR LEGACY of the records we broke and the bar we set.


WAITING IN SKATES Watching his team mates play for the puck during the game against Bishop Dwenger, Nick Van Sipna, junior, anticipates from the goal. The game ended with a 3-1 win. "When you are in the net and have your team depending on you, you have to be ready for whatever could happen," Van Sipna said. "You have to want to win more than anyone on the ice. It's all about being confident and tough for your team, even if it takes getting a puck to the face."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A RUN-THROUGH

From warm-ups to awards, Nick Peirick, freshman, describes the stages of running in a cross country race

Start	During	Finish	After
After a 15 minute warm up, Nick and the team have a team prep-talk lead by coaches and captains where they go over strategies and motivate each other. Before the gun shot, Nick is full of adrenaline and focused on the race ahead.	As the race progresses, Nick is focused on pacing himself and staying on guard for approaching competitors. For him, the most important thing is to keep pushing through to the finish.	When crossing the finish, Nick feels overwhelmed with a sense of accomplishment. He now looks forward to see how he preformed individually and overall at awards.	Before awards, the team goes on a 30 minute cool down. Afterwards, runners may or may not receive an award. When Nick receives awards, he feels all his hard work pays off.

Source: Nick Peirick, freshman

1. FINALLY FINISHING As Tyler Keslin, senior, approaches the finish line at the conference meet, his mind is set on beating his personal record. Keslin finished the race in first place and broke the conference record of 15:37. "I really gave it my all here," Keslin said. "I was so close the finish here, and I was so excited to finish so I could see my time."

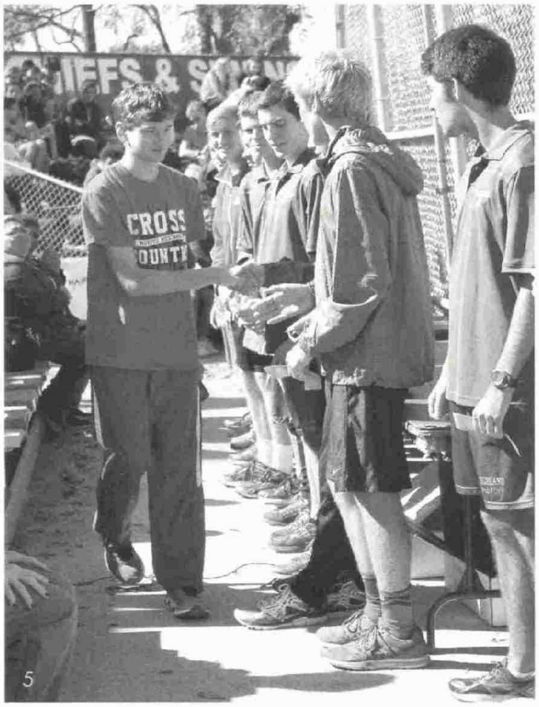
2. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Warming up for practice, Tyler Keslin, senior, leads the team on a run on Columbia Avenue. The captains were in charge of leading practices. "Being team captain is a different experience because I was never used to leading the team last year," said Keslin. "Theo (Burgwald, senior) and I learned a lot about leadership this year."

3. PULLING THROUGH As the sectionals race comes to an end, Jack Jones, sophomore, is determined to outrun a nearby runner from Bishop Noll. Jones maintained his place in the race and beat his competitor. "When I race I stay focused on doing my best and keeping a good so runner don't get the chance to cut me off," said Jones.

4. BROTHER FROM ANOTHER MOTHER Before facing one of their top competitors at Sectionals, the Boys' Cross Country comes together for a pep talk from their captains, seniors Theo Burgwald and Tyler Keslin. Although the team was the first runner up behind Lake Central, Burgwald won the race. "This was a tough course so it was really exciting to prepare team for a competitive race," Burgwald said.

5. PLACING HIGH After shaking all nineteen runner ups' hands, Tyler Keslin, senior, accepts his ribbon from placing first at Sectionals. After a rough course, the team placed second behind Lake Central. "I was so happy when this race was over," Keslin said. "There were multiple points in this race when I thought I would lose, so I was very relieved when I won."

6. KEEPING UP As Regionals approaches, practices became more intense. The team would warm up by running laps around the track before going on their daily runs around town. "As captains Tyler (Keslin, senior) and I would lead practices," Burgwald said. "Practice at his point was extremely important to help build strength and endurance."



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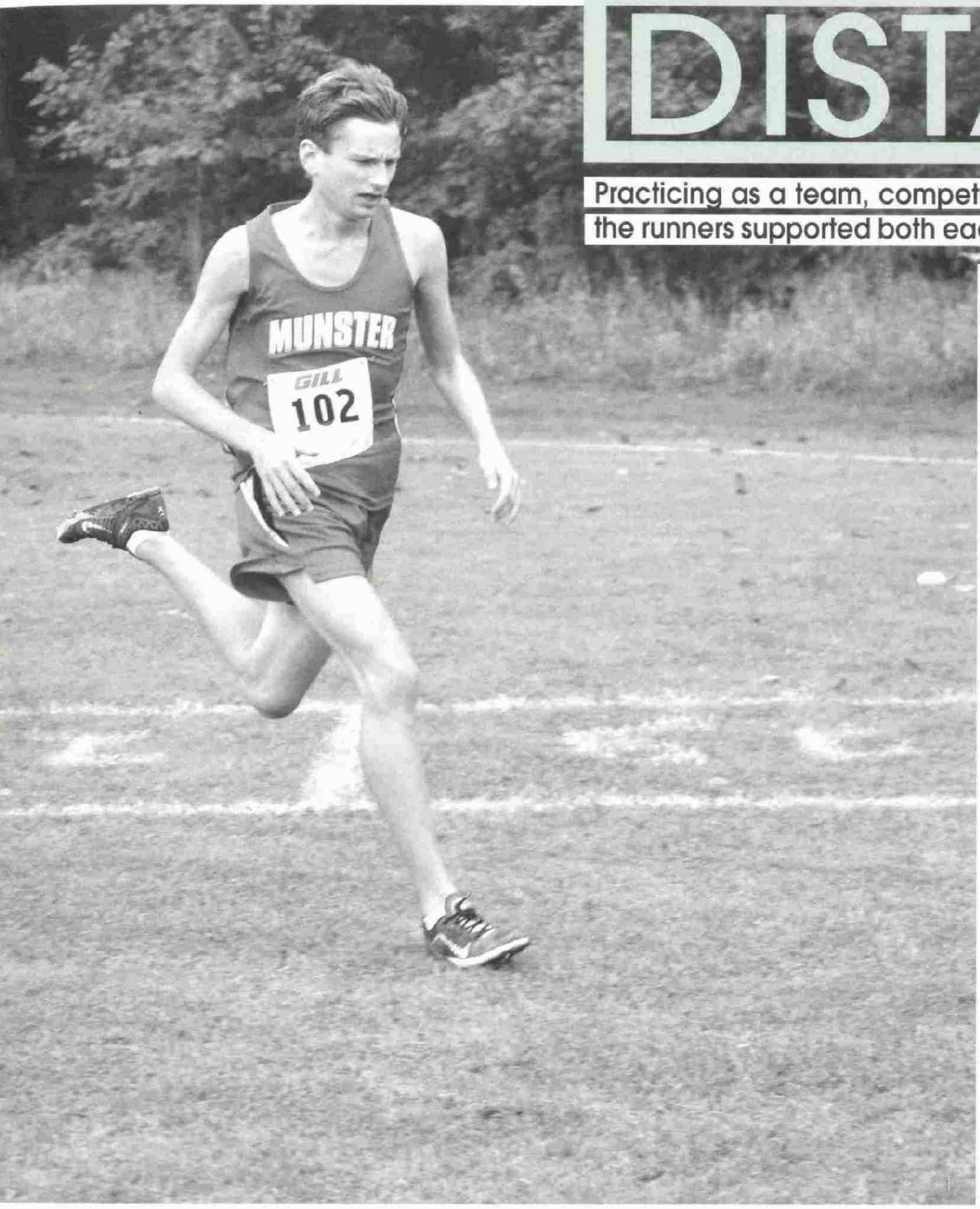
GOING THE DISTANCE



Practicing as a team, competing as a team and bonding as a team, the runners supported both each other as well as their top competitors

After finishing Semi-state in 8th place out of 20,Boys' Cross Country did not qualify for State as a whole. However, seniors Theo Burgwald and Tyler Keslin, team captains, qualified individually.

"We were really looking to run better at Semi-state after running well at Regionals," Keslin said. "I was pretty upset (my team) didn't make it. It would have been really exciting, but they tried their best and worked hard, so I'm proud of them either way."

The entire team supported Burgwald and Keslin in Terre Haute, Ind.

"It was nice to have the team around you because it almost protected you from being pushed out by other teams," Keslin said. "It was great to have them for the emotional support."

With the pressure of college coaches watching, Burgwald and Keslin began their last high school race. Keslin placed 7th and Burgwald placed 41st out of nearly 200 competitors.

"(If there was anything I would have changed) it would have been to take the competition less seriously," Theo Burgwald, senior, said. "Whenever I performed poorly, I really took it hard."

The team felt like a family after the hours of intense practices they endured together. In the end, their hard work was worth it, according to Isaac Gutierrez, junior.

"When I look back at everything, I'm happy with all the memories I've made and experience I gained," Keslin said.

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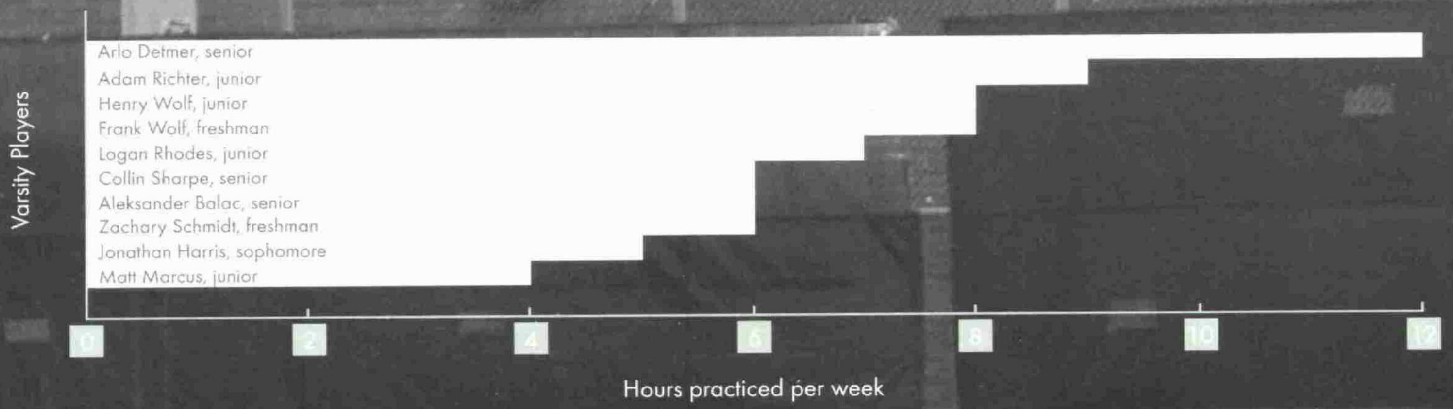
NO DAYS OFF After school, breaks and weekdays are filled with extra practice during the offseason

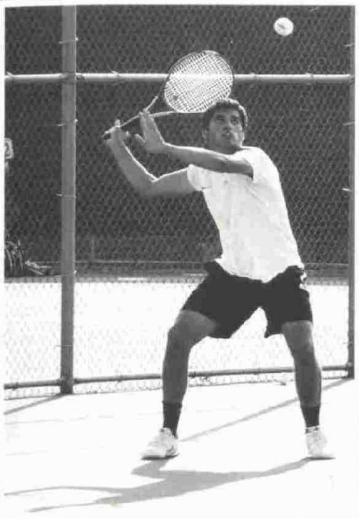


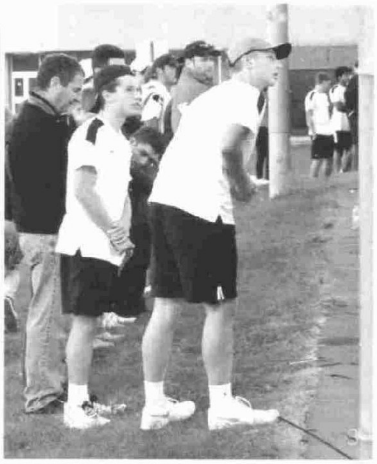
Sources: Aleksander Balac, senior; Arlo Detmer, senior; Jonathan Harris, sophomore; Matt Marcus, junior; Zachary Schmidt, freshman; Adam Richter, junior; Collin Sharpe, senior; Frank Wolf, freshman; Henry Wolf, junior

DOUBLE TROUBLE Playing yet another set together, #1 doubles set of juniors Matt Marcus and Henry Wolf take on another team. The doubles team later advanced to compete at State, where they each earned Second Team All State titles. "We had played this team before in Warsaw, so we knew how good they were," Marcus said. "We knew the stakes were high."

RISING FROM THE ASHES

After losing their Regional Championship streak in the 2014 season, the 2015 seasonal motto not only proved to be essential in motivating the players but also in the eventual success of their entire season





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1. BIG HITS When hitting a forehand, form is of the utmost importance in obtaining a point, according to Trey Deluna, senior. Known amongst the team for having the strongest forehands, Deluna strived to get the perfect hit each time. "I really do not think about it too much because there is just so much going on," Deluna said. "If you do, it won't work out–you just have to go with it."

2. SWINGING GAME As Adji Balac, senior, prepares for another serve, his mind stayed focused on the ball. To win, it is necessary that each hit is both strong and precise. "I was thinking we would win," Balac said. "I just tried to get another point for the team."

3. PATIENTLY WAITING After juniors Matt Marcus and Henry Wolf won their set in the Regionals match against Crown Point, they anxiously wait to see if their teammate, Adam Richter, junior, can also win. Joining them, parents, students and fellow teammates surrounded the fence. "I was pretty nervous because it went into a tie-breaker," Marcus said. "But after, I was confident that (Richter) would win."

4. SMASH HIT As he hits the next serve, Collin Sharpe, senior, knows whether or not he will get the point, which was crucial to winning the match. No matter the competitor, focused hits can win the match "I was a little nervous," Sharpe said. "I knew I had to stay consistent and strong (with my serves)."

5. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE Getting to the ball moments before it hits the green ground, Arlo Detmer, senior, keeps the volley going. Detmer advanced through the volley through consistently strong shots. "When you're at the net, you have to react quickly," Detmer said.

Hundreds of people gathered around the cage-like arena. Hundreds of eyes remained wide. Hundreds of mouths closed, silent. Hundreds waited—anticipating the next point. As Varsity seniors Trey Deluna and Arlo Detmer and Adam Richter, junior, battled Crown Point on the green tennis courts in the longest lasting games of the match, not only was the ball up in the air but also the Regional Championship.

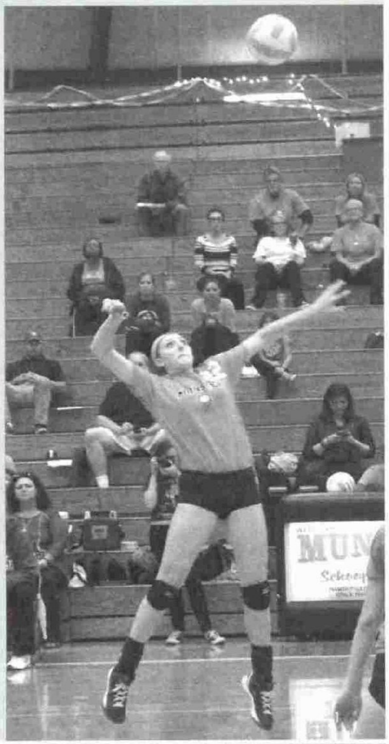
"I felt confident, and I wanted to keep that (confidence) up," Coach Steven Lopez, social studies teacher, said. "I thought they were stronger than most everyone was giving them credit for."

Just last year, Boys' Tennis ended their nine-year Regional Championship streak, which gave their rival Crown Point the opportunity to create their own. However, their motto was reclaim. Whether or not they would reclaim the Regional Championship remained unpredictable, according to Henry Wolf, junior.

"At the beginning of the season, (whether or not we would win Regionals) was a maybe, maybe not," Matt Marcus, junior, said. "But towards the end of the season when we started playing really well—doing our best—I knew we could win."

Although winning the Regionals match versus Crown Point did not promise Varsity Tennis the Championship, it ensured their spot in the Regional finals, which they won with ease. Tennis reclaimed the Regional Championship and advanced to Semi-State, where number 1 doubles team of Marcus and Wolf advanced to State, making Second Team All-State.

"We weren't expecting to win (The Regional Championship), but that was our goal," Deluna said. "We just wanted to do the best we could, which just happened to work out, and we happened to reclaim the Regional Championship."



DOWN TO THE LAST POINT

Days to weeks to months to years of practice all boiled down to one single point in a game

Shoes squeaked on the wood floor. Friends and family cheered from the sidelines. Girls dove to the ground to save the ball. For the volleyball team, their season came to a close after Sectionals. Losing to Lake Central by ten overall points was not how the team wanted to end their season.

With one of their players, Marijke Van Dyke, junior, ineligible to play in Sectionals, the team already felt a sense of weakness as they entered their last games of the season.

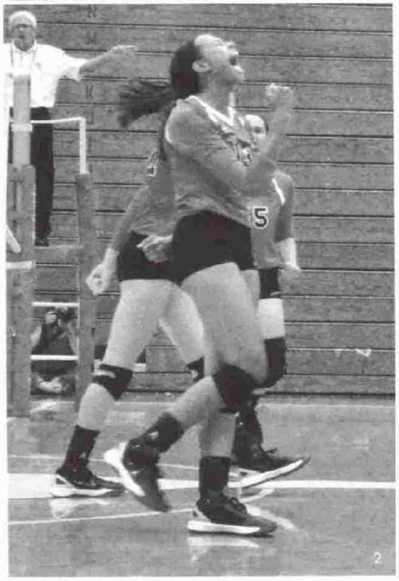
"I had to get shoulder surgery a few days before the game," Van Dyke said. "It was really upsetting because I wanted to be with my team so badly. I hated having to sit out of the last game of the season."

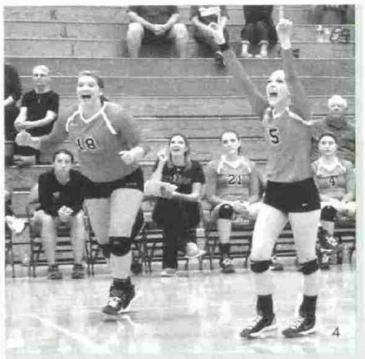
Although some players struggled with nerves, injuries and the pressure to prove themselves, the team knew they had to use all of their talent and hard work to make it further than last year's Sectional finish.

"I thought we had a lot of strengths, but they contributed to our weaknesses," Lauren Adams, senior, said. "The confidence we had in our talents made us not play as intense against harder teams like we should have."

With the season coming to a close at Sectionals just like previous year, the girls were upset due to their inability to achieve their goal of making it further than the year prior.

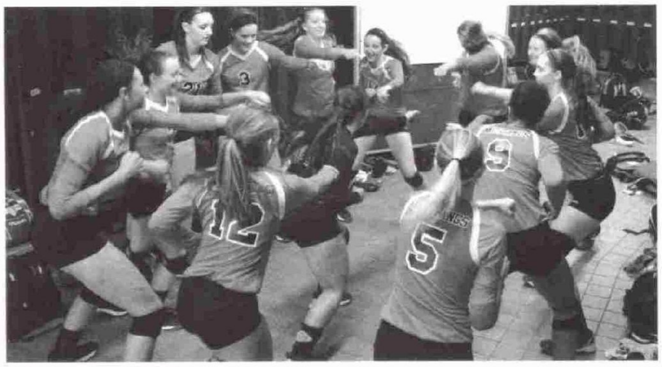
"Everyone was really surprised because we knew what we were capable of," Mega Dafiaghor, senior, said. "I was really upset because I had trained for this for four years and, in one point, none of it mattered anymore."





SETTING THE TONE

Friendships, memories and bonds that were formed through various activities assisted the team in their efforts to come together in the season

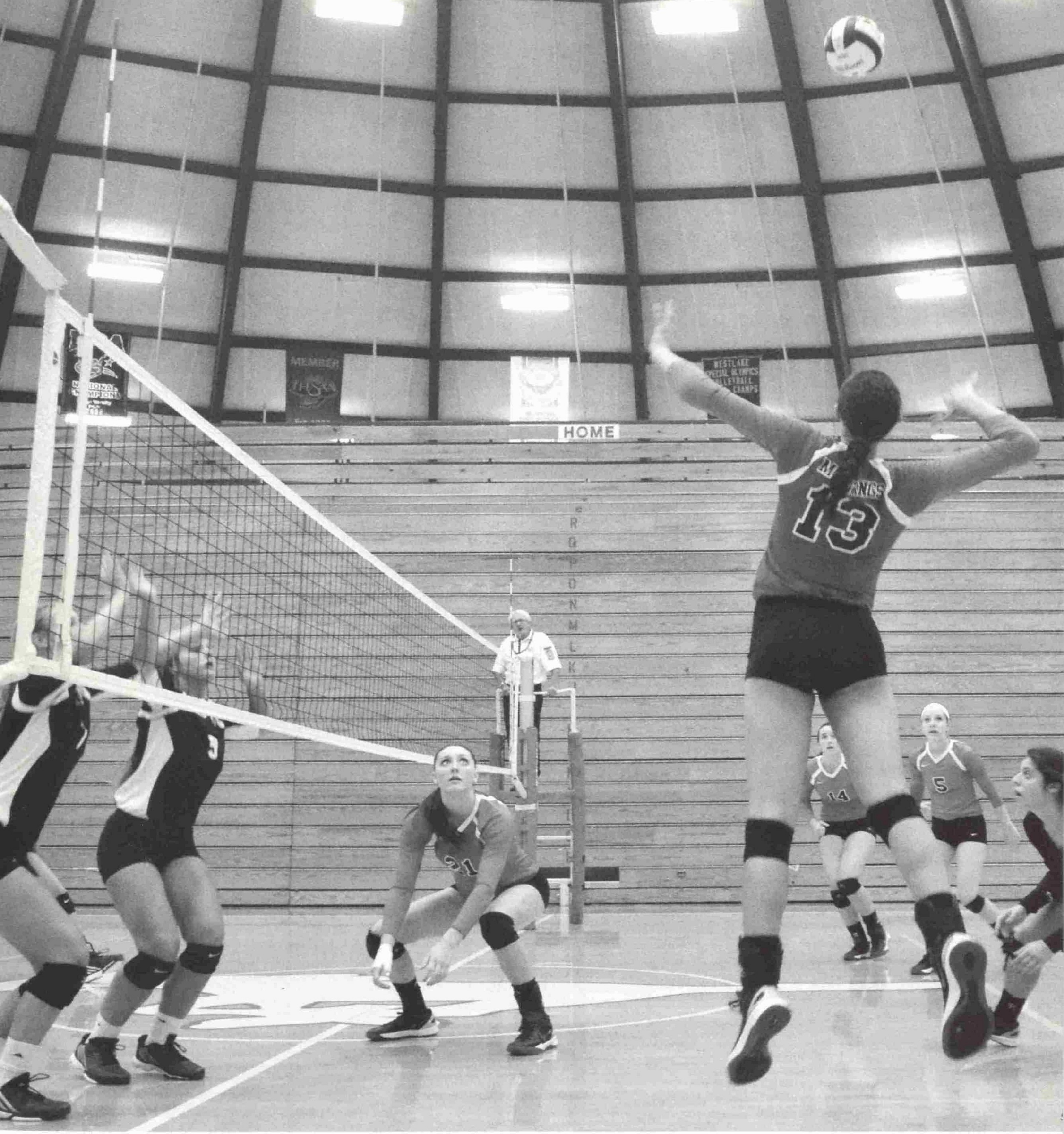


WHIPPING INTO SHAPE The team dances around Lexi Pitsas, junior, as she leads them in Zumba before a game.

"We would Zumba to the song 'Work B!tch' by Britney Spears in the locker room before every game. We had a specific routine that was led by Lexi Pitsas (junior)."
Lauren Adams, senior

"I think one big break through moment for everyone was being rebellious and going to the beach at 1 a.m., doing dares and going swimming. Everyone came out of their shell, and along with that, we built trust within each other."
Eudora Negri, senior

"Being new (to the team) was hard, but everyone was welcoming. No one was snotty, we all brought each other up when we were down."
Brooke Dills, sophomore



1. ZERO IN In a game against Highland, Maddie Horin, freshman, keeps her eye on the ball as she attempted to gain a point for her team. "We went into (the game against Highland) knowing it was going to be a quick game," Horin said. "My job at the net was to stop hitters and gain as many points as I could for my team."

2. VICTORY CRIES Yelling into the air, Marijke Van Dyke, junior, celebrates with her team after Arielle Crowe, senior, scored the games winning point against Griffith. "Everyone was jumping up and down and yelling," Van Dyke said. "Honestly, that was one of my favorite moments of the season."

4. KICKING With her hands in the air, Eudora Negri (5), senior, celebrates with her teammate, Lauren Adams (18), senior, after their team gains a point during their game against Highland. "Every game we won was just one step closer to our goal of making it past Regionals," Negri said. "As long as we were confident and kept our energy up, we knew we could win."

3. UP AND AT 'EM Inches off the ground, Maddie Horin, freshman, gains momentum in order to powerfully hit the ball over the net. "Andrean was a really difficult team to beat," Horin said. "They had really good energy so we really had to make sure that we kept up with them."

5. RISING TO THE OCCASION Midair, Marijke Van Dyke (13), junior, gets ready to smack the ball to the opposing team during the volleyball teams' game against Griffith. "It was one of the first games of the season so we were all ready to get out on the court and make a statement," Van Dyke said.

50 YEARS OF FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Munster alumni gathered at their old stomping grounds to celebrate the 50th anniversary and to support the boys as they kicked off the new season with a win

On Friday nights, the Munster Football Stadium was filled with parents, fans, band members and a rowdy student section. But on August 21, there were different faces in the crowd. These faces were once members of the team that played on that same field years ago. At the game against Lake Central, Football celebrated their 50th anniversary with the coaches, alumni and current members.

"The reunion of past Munster players was special for me," Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, said during an interview with nwitimes.com.

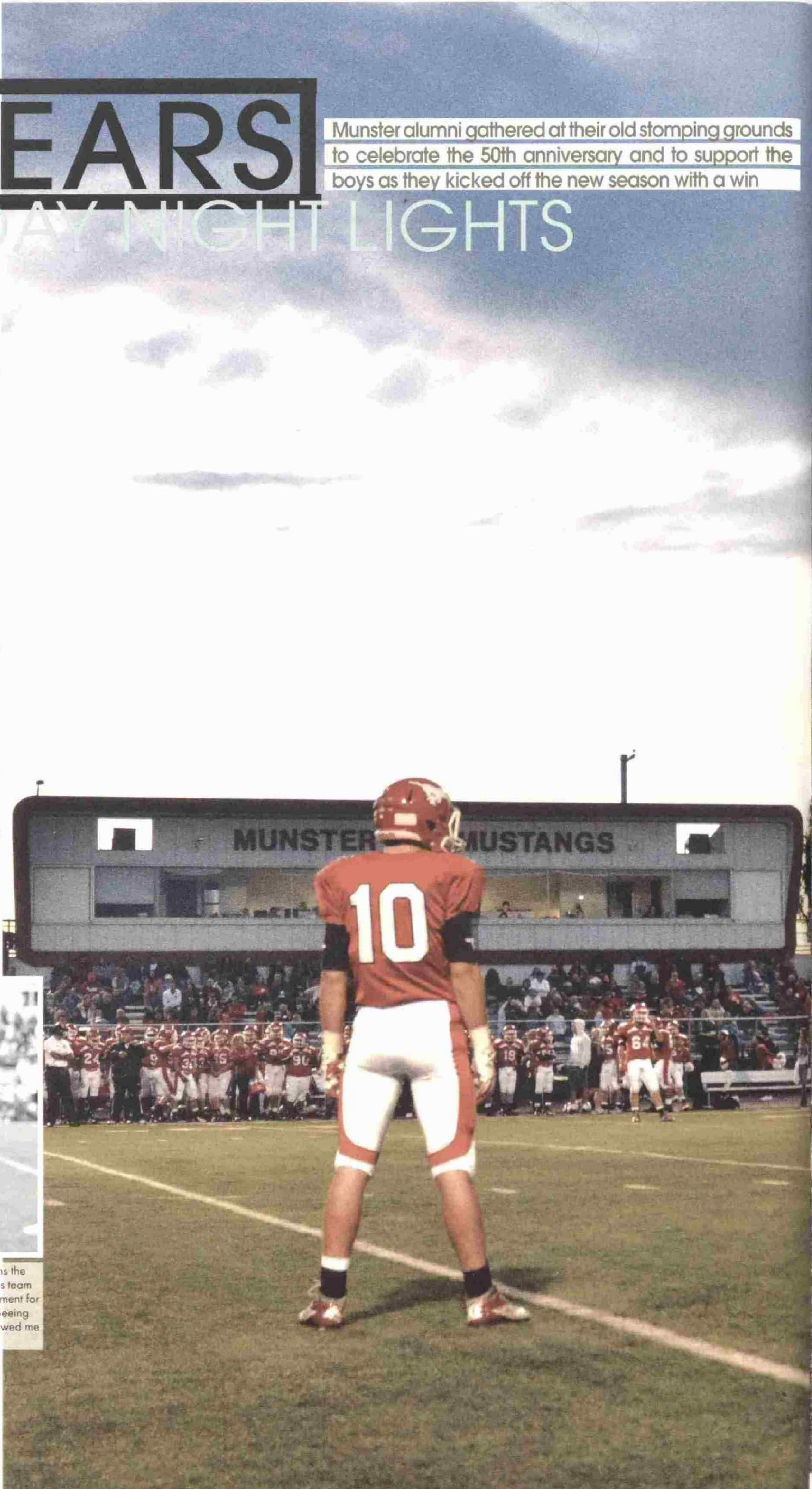
For the past 38years, Coach Marsh has led the team through two-a-day summer practices, Friday night games and Sectional and Conference victories.

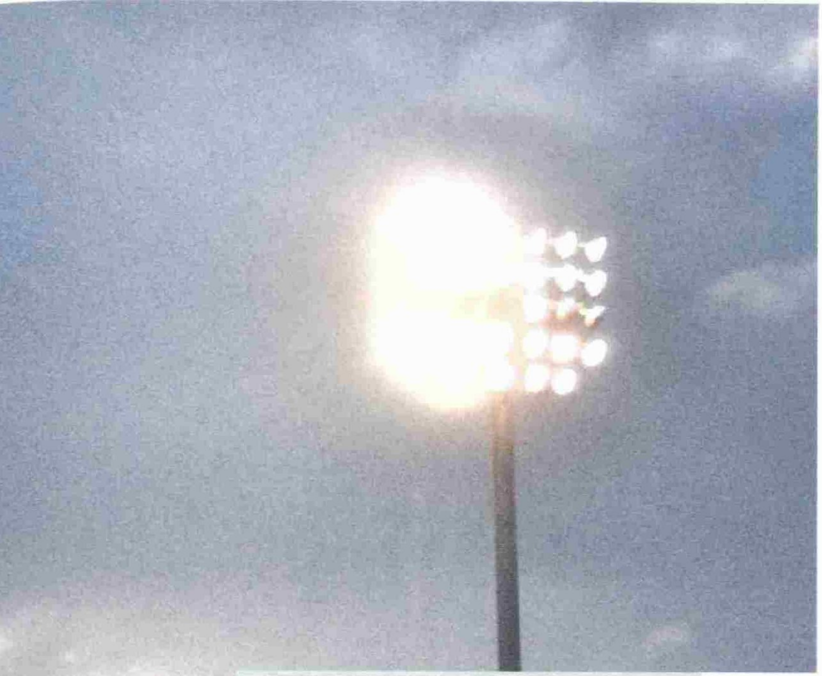
"It was really special to see all the alumni come back," Jeff Proctor, senior, said. "It motivated us, especially in a tough game (against Lake Central)."

With alumni watching and cheering on the team, the boys were able to conquer one of their biggest rivals, winning by only one point, 20-19.

"It was a really great feeling," Patrick Marsh, senior, said. "I've been watching Munster football games since I was a little kid, so being able to be playing under the lights with the people I used to watch watching me was really awesome."

IN THE ZONE As Demetri Fotopoulos (85), junior, scans the field, he imagines what he needs to do in order to help his team win the game against Lake Central. "The most pivotal moment for me was our 50th anniversary game," Fotopoulos said. "Seeing all the alumni and how they loved the program really showed me how lucky I was to be able to play football for Munster."



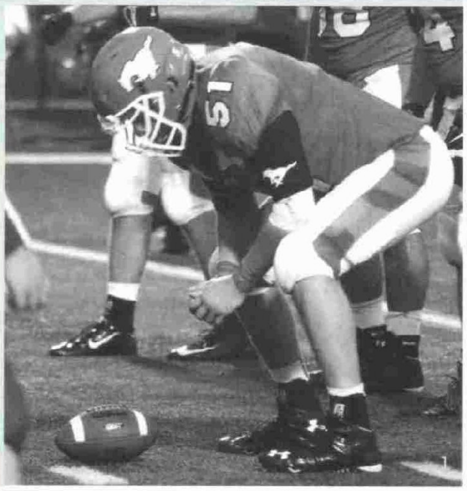


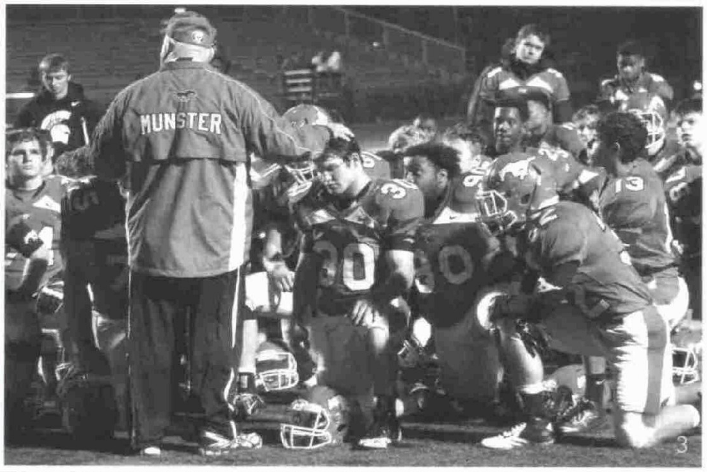
SIX ON THE BOARD

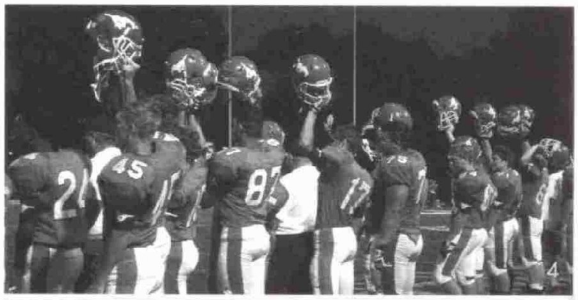
Touchdown statistics from this season

GRADE	PLAYER NAMES	NUMBER OF TOUCHDOWNS
Senior	Jeff Proctor	54
Junior	Danny Stanley	30
Senior	Greg Scherzinger	24
Junior	Jaylan Scott	24
Junior	Andrew Jumonville	18
Senior	Logan Armagast	12
Sophomore	Vince Bravo	6
Sophomore	Dylan Bullock	6
Junior	Demetri Fotopoulos	6

Source: maxpreps.com







1. [illegible] In the midst of coming up with a game plan during his game against Highland, Jacob Strbjak (51), junior, takes a moment to get in the zone. "I was focusing on making my block so that we could gain yards and getting prepared for any surprises that the defense could bring us," Strbjak said.

IN THE END Kneeling after his team beat Lake Central, Danny Stanley (34), junior, thinks about how all the blood, sweat and tears were worth the victory they had. "It really meant a lot to win in front of (the alumni), and to do it in fashion was special," Stanley said. "It really was my favorite moment of the entire season."

3. IN IT TO WIN IT In the annual rivalry game against Highland, the Battle of the Bridge, tensions on the field were high. "I needed to know where I was and run the play right so that the running backs could get the touchdown," Jacob Strbjak, junior, said. "It was a big game for us; it felt good to play with my team."

4. [illegible] In the middle of a tough game against Lowell during play-offs, Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, tries to motivate his team in a half-time huddle as he pats senior Tim Kracji's head. The boys ended up losing 35-0. "Every time we freaked out a little, our huddle was kind of our way to settle down," Kracji said. "If we were winning, (Coach Marsh) would keep us from getting over our heads. If we were losing, he would help pick us up."

5. HUT HUT HIKE Prepping before the offensive play, Milan Obradovic, junior, prepares to throw the ball back at the sound of the whistle at the Lowell sectional game. "Every play we just had to go as hard as we could," Obradovic said. "Any mess-up could have cost us a game."

6. THE BIG WIN Taking in his surroundings, Mike Johnston (10), junior, watches as the alumni cheers his team on from behind the end zone. "We wanted to prove that we could follow in the alumni's footsteps and make a name for ourselves," Johnston said.

1. PASSING UP Side by side two competitors from Griffith and Highland High School, Sarah Johnson, sophomore, tries to pick up the pace. Running for varsity only added more pressure. "All I kept thinking about was getting ahead of them," Johnson said. "Once I did, I was that much closer to finishing."

2. FINAL RACE While running her last race of the season, Hailey Thill, freshman, reflects on her season. Heading towards the finish line, thoughts flowed through her head. "I was thinking about all the hard work I put in throughout the season," Thill said. "Knowing it was my last meet, I really wanted to push hard and be the best I possibly could."

3. IN THAT MOMENT After hearing their team be announced Conference champions, juniors Kyrie Brown and Melanie Mooney and Erin Gonzales, freshman, celebrate with other members of the team. The varsity and junior varsity team took first place. "It was such an amazing feeling to win Conference," Brown said. "The moment we heard our names called, were all so proud of each other."

4. COUNTING STEPS While approaching the finish line at Lowell High School, Alondra Lopez, junior, began thinking about how close she was to finishing the race. Pushing to finish the race was her main goal. "The only thing I was thinking about was how many strides and steps it would take until I got to the finish line," Lopez said.

5. INSIDE HER HEAD Breaking her personal record of 21:00 was all that Emily Johnson, senior, had going through her mind during the Conference meet. Running her last Conference race, she hoped to finish on a good note. "I saw my watch and noticed I was running faster than what I was running at practice," Johnson said. "I went faster and faster and the wind was in my favor; I broke 21:00."

8 YEARS LATER

Girls' Cross-Country hasn't sent a girl to State since 2007 until Brisa Bohling, freshman, qualified this season

CONFERENCE
2ND PLACE

SECTIONALS
2ND PLACE

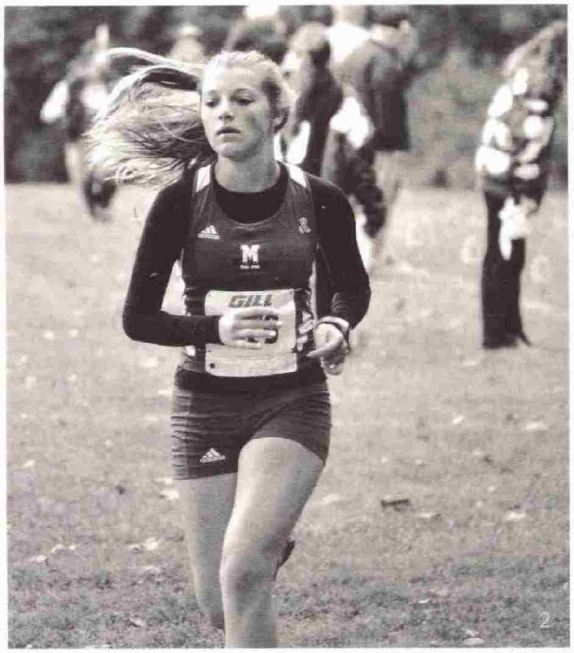
REGIONALS
2ND PLACE

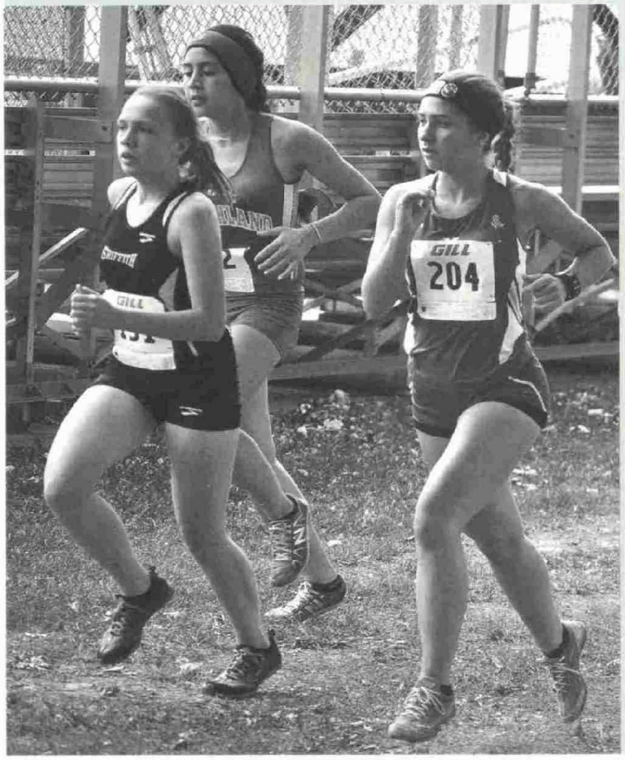
SEMI-STATE
16TH PLACE

STATE
77TH PLACE

Source: Kyleen Nolan, science teacher

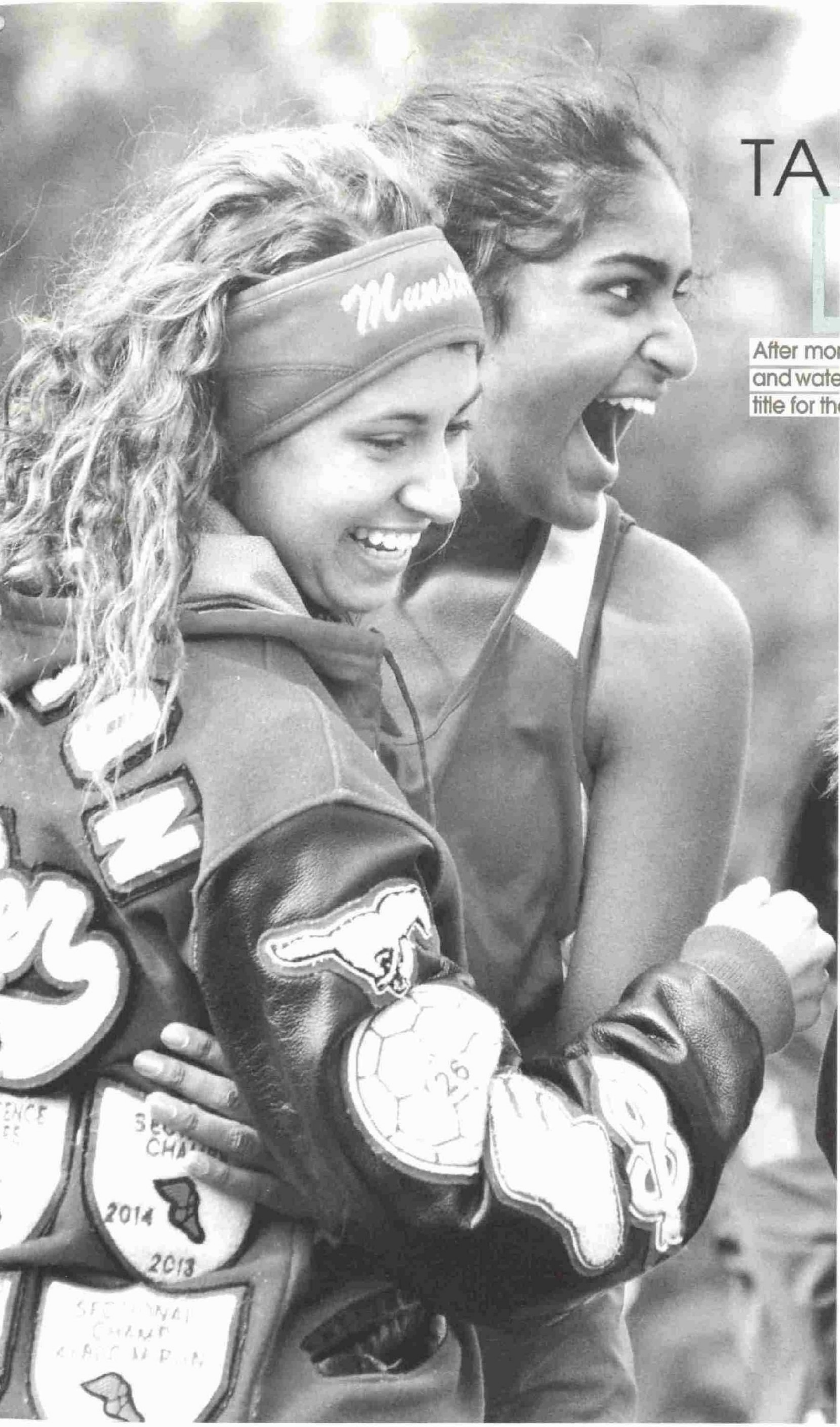
FINISHING STRONG Running towards the finish line, Brisa Bohling, freshman, tries to finish strong on her final lap. Hoping to finish her season was her main goal. "I was running my heart out," Bohling said. "I told myself to keep pushing and keep going."





TAKING THE TITLE

After months of morning strecthes, afternoon runs and water breaks, the runners won the Conference title for their second consecutive year



IN HER ARMS Filled with excitement, Emily Johnson, senior, and Hansa Vavilala, sophomore, jump in each other's arms after hearing the results of the Conference meet. After being considered the underdogs of the meet, the team was in shock that they won. "In that moment I was so proud of Emily and the rest of the team," Vavilala said. "We were not expected to come out on top and be the Conference champs."

On a crisp Saturday morning in mid-October, Girls' Cross-Country stepped off the bus and onto Lowell High School territory. They came with one goal: to take the Conference title home for another year in a row. Because of perseverance and diligence, the next time the girls stepped back onto that same bus, they were the Conference champions, according to Coach Kyleen Nolan, science teacher.

"I don't think there was a lot of people who really thought the girls could pull it off," Coach Nolan said. "For them to come together as a team and succeed the way they did was really amazing."

Throughout the race, Coach Nolan had some memorable, proud moments. After coaching and teaching some of the seniors for four years, she felt nothing but satisfaction with their performance, according to Coach Nolan.

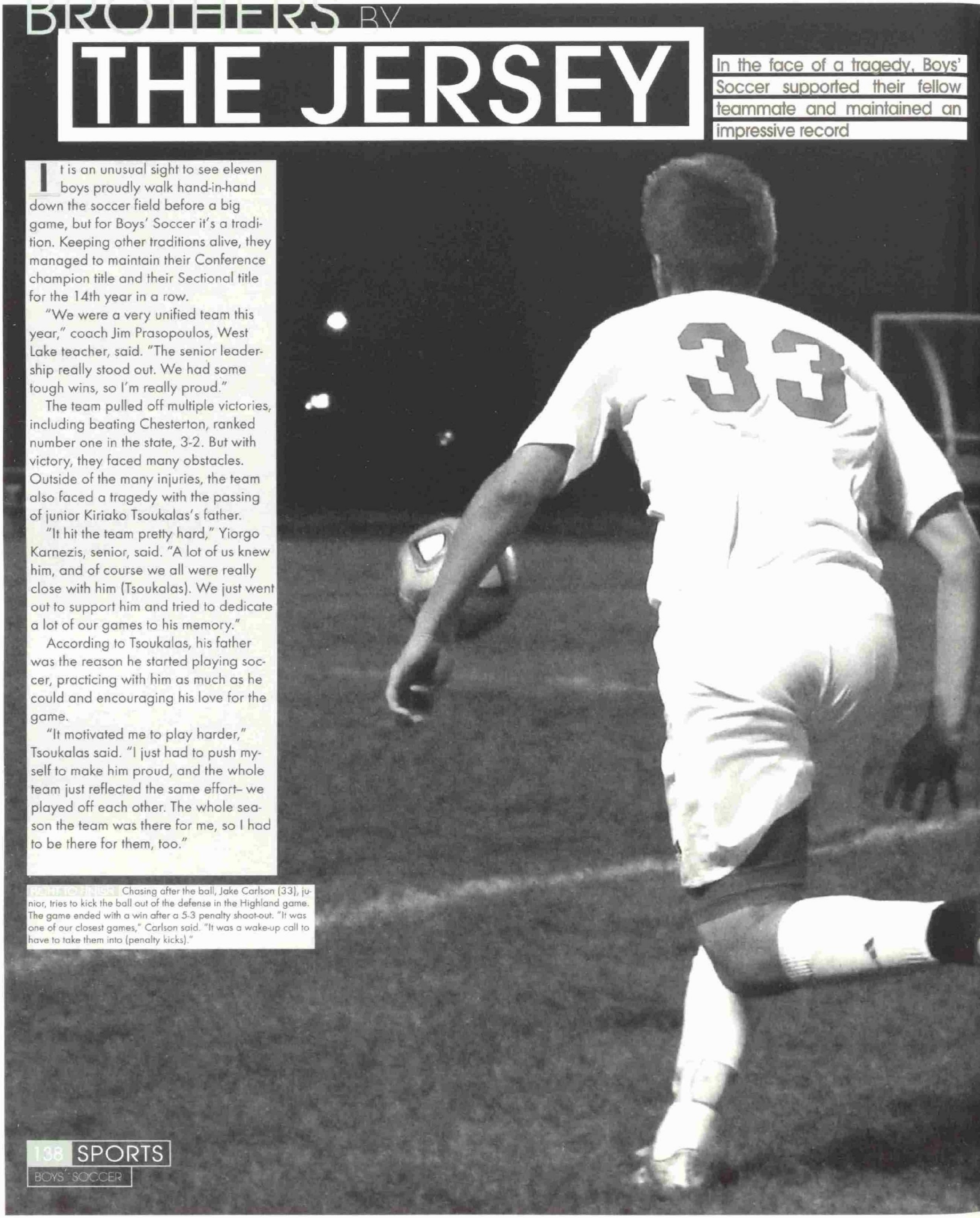
"It was neat to see runner after runner, coming across the finish line, be a Munster girl," Coach Nolan said.

The bus ride home from Conference was overflowing with enthusiasm. The coaches and runners were feeling nothing but happiness and pride, according to Hansa Vavilala, sophomore.

"The ride home was filled with excitement and energy," Sarah Johnson, sophomore, said. "Everyone, including the coaches, was dancing and singing the whole ride home."

BROTHERS BY THE JERSEY

In the face of a tragedy, Boys' Soccer supported their fellow teammate and maintained an impressive record



It is an unusual sight to see eleven boys proudly walk hand-in-hand down the soccer field before a big game, but for Boys' Soccer it's a tradition. Keeping other traditions alive, they managed to maintain their Conference champion title and their Sectional title for the 14th year in a row.

"We were a very unified team this year," coach Jim Prasopoulos, West Lake teacher, said. "The senior leadership really stood out. We had some tough wins, so I'm really proud."

The team pulled off multiple victories, including beating Chesterton, ranked number one in the state, 3-2. But with victory, they faced many obstacles. Outside of the many injuries, the team also faced a tragedy with the passing of junior Kiriako Tsoukalas's father.

"It hit the team pretty hard," Yiorgo Karnezis, senior, said. "A lot of us knew him, and of course we all were really close with him (Tsoukalas). We just went out to support him and tried to dedicate a lot of our games to his memory."

According to Tsoukalas, his father was the reason he started playing soccer, practicing with him as much as he could and encouraging his love for the game.

"It motivated me to play harder," Tsoukalas said. "I just had to push myself to make him proud, and the whole team just reflected the same effort– we played off each other. The whole season the team was there for me, so I had to be there for them, too."

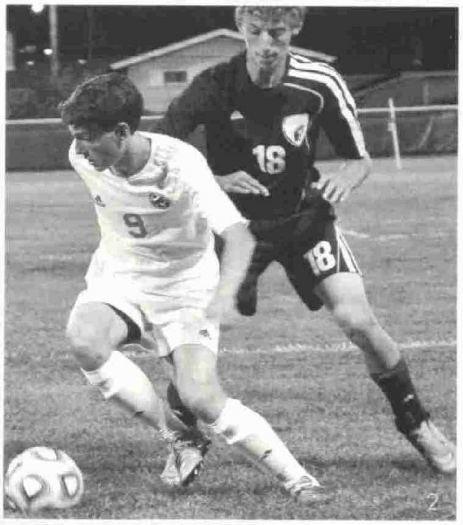
FIGHT TO FINISH Chasing after the ball, Jake Carlson (33), junior, tries to kick the ball out of the defense in the Highland game. The game ended with a win after a 5-3 penalty shoot-out. "It was one of our closest games," Carlson said. "It was a wake-up call to have to take them into (penalty kicks)."

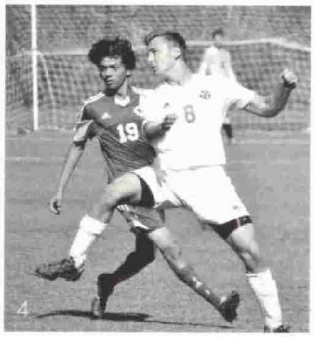
LIKE THE MAN OF THE YEAR

All about the NWI Times Player of the Year, Brett Kaufmann, senior

14TH TIME'S THE CHARM Celebrating their Sectional victory, Boys' Soccer celebrates their 14th consecutive title in a row after beating Clark at East Chicago Central, 3-0. "It was just really cool to be able to carry on that tradition," Austin Andello, senior, said. "A lot of people did not expect us to continue it, but we did."

- **NAME:** Brett Kaufmann
- **NUMBER:** 14
- **YEARS PLAYING SOCCER:** 15
- **YEARS ON VARSITY:** 4
- **WHAT MADE YOU THE NWI TIMES PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**
  "I think since this was my last year playing I tried to take it more seriously. Not that I didn't before, but I pushed myself to to a whole new level this year"
- **ADVICE FOR PLAYERS:**
  "The biggest thing is just to put in work and effort, and not just for rewards, but for your team and yourself."





1. PUMP THE CROWD With a win against Chesterton, ranked number one in the region, Thomas Beckman, junior, runs to the crowd to celebrate. The game ended 3-2. "We were definitely the underdogs of the game," Beckman said. "But it was cool to see all of our effort get us an awesome result."

2. MAN ON After scoring a penalty kick in the game against Chesterton, Camden Seput, senior, keeps his opponent from getting the ball. Seput was the first goal of three for the game. "Chesterton was our toughest competitor," Seput said. "It was a lot of pressure going up there 0-0 and having to take a penalty kick, but once we got one goal in, we just kept scoring from there."

3. REST & RECOVER In a half-time huddle, Michael Jonelis (0) and seniors David Orteaga (44) and Camden Seput (9) gather around to discuss strategies during the Chesterton game. After the huddle, they put one more in the net, winning 3-2. "Whenever we start losing our touch on the game, half-time always helped us regain our poise and control," Orteaga said.

4. LAST IN LINE As the last defender, Scott Fischer (8), junior, keeps his opponent from getting to the goal in the sectional game against Clark. The game ended with a 3-0 win and a trophy. "It gave me a lot of pride playing with such a great team," Fischer said. "It's nice knowing that they have my back and I have theirs on and off of the field."

1. THE LAST LAUGH Chatting on the course, Emma Ladd, freshman, and Gabie Ingoglia, sophomore, share a moment of laughter before their match against Chesterton. Minutes later, they teed off. "We're the two youngest on the team, so it's always nice to comfort and calm each other down before a hard match and have a little bit of fun before it starts," Ladd said.

2. KEEP IT COOL With an injured shoulder, Gabie Ingoglia, sophomore, decides to play it safe at the match against Chesterton. However, she still earned one of her personal bests. "I tried to play through it and play it safe since they are hard competitors and especially because I was injured," Ingoglia said.

3. READ IT AND WEEP Discussing score cards, Coach Bill Smitka, Social Studies teacher, instructs Gabie Ingoglia, sophomore, where to play it safe on the course before the match against Chesterton. Many players and coaches previewed the course before the match began. "This was a difficult match, so I decided to play it safe and try to stay focused on my short game,"

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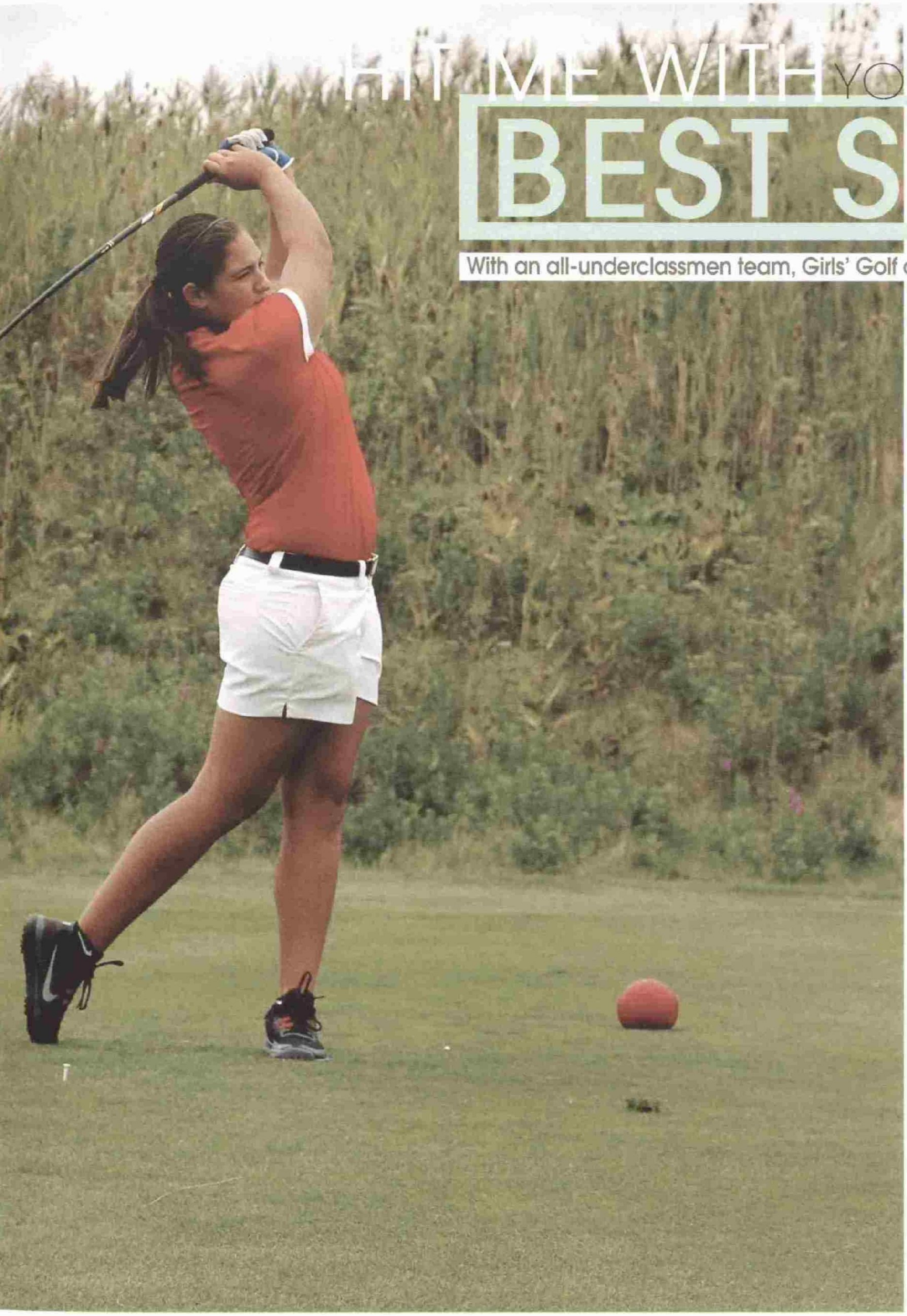
4. LINE IT UP Reading the green, Sara Ladd, junior, focuses on which direction needs to hit the ball. Ladd hit the shot minutes after mentally lining the ball up with the hole. "I try to get as low to the ground as I can, trying to see where I need to hit the ball and where I want it to go," Ladd said.

5. EYE OF THE TIGER Focusing on where to hit the ball, Emma Ladd, freshman, feels the pressure of this match. Additionally, many times, shots can be affected by natural factors such as wind, rain and geographics. "I was working hard on my short game and I was really nervous because they came close and eventually ended up beating us, but it was a good match to learn from since they were tough competition," Ladd said.

6. TEE TIME As she stands before her second hole against Merrillville, Nicole Howard, junior, swung and followed the ball. Howard prepared for a strong match. "It was a good drive, this was probably the hardest hole on this course and ultimately I tried to get my drive in a good position,"Howard said.



HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT

With an all-underclassmen team, Girls' Golf overcame odds against them

Q: How has having an all underclassmen team affected you collectively?

A: "Personally being an underclassmen it made me feel more comfortable because sometimes the upperclassmen are intimidating but in the end I ended up becoming really close with all of the upperclassmen on our team."
Emma Ladd, freshman

Q: What was a personal turning point for you in the season?

A: "When we played an invite at Battleground in the beginning of the season, I played the best 9 holes I've ever had and it made me realize from there on my potential to play well."
Serena Marin, junior

Q: How did this season change your skills as a team and individually?

A: "This season was much different since all of us shot around the same score, which helped lower our overall team score. Our coach was very encouraging and attentive, making it easier to accept our scores. My personal best, however, was around a 90 at Regionals."
Sara Ladd, juniorw

Q: What is your technique to hitting the ball?

A: "I line up and hit it exactly how I see it once I read the green and I normally try to get my drive in a good position and focus."
Nicole Howard, junior

Q: How was the season as a whole?

A: "For the whole season we were 10-2 and in Conference we were 6-0 and in the top 10. We also set a new record of winning the Conference match by 51 strokes."
Gabie Ingoglia, sophomore

TEE-MONOLOGY [illegible]

READING THE GREEN	Golfer decides path way for ball to go
AIM	Line up the club or align for the shot
THIN SHOT	The club head strikes too high on ball
ACE	A hole in one
FADE	A shot that flies slightly from left to right

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Girls' Soccer advanced as a team to Semi-State for the third time in school history after winning Conference

Twenty-one wins. Two losses. With these statistics, Girls' Soccer won Conference, Sectional and Regionals, going into overtime at Semi-State with the defending State champions.

However, these accomplishments were nowhere near expected at the beginning of the season, according to Coach Valerie Pflum, math teacher. The players needed more effort and skill to win any titles, let alone games.

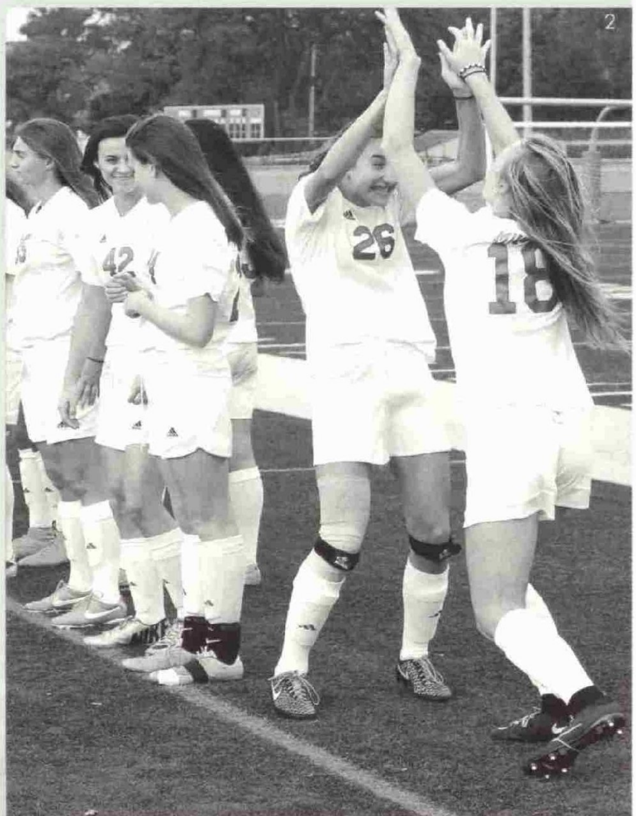
"There was a game where we really realized our capabilities," Cami Kekelik, junior said. "(In the Valparaiso game) They were winning by one at halftime, but we pep-talked and scored twice in one half to win the game. We knew how to come back."

After being ranked number one in the region by the NWI Times, the team had an immediate target on their backs that other teams could not take down.

"They were so worried about getting each other down, so this forced them to keep improving." Coach Pflum said.

This motivation became essential in picking up the team's spirit and effort levels right before the post-season. After surpassing Sectionals, which took place at home for the first time in history, they moved onto Regionals for the first time since 2012. With two close games of winning by one goal, they became the third team in Munster Girls' Soccer History to make it to Semi-State.

"Waking up at 6 a.m. for morning runs and practicing nonstop throughout the summer showed how much effort was put into the season," Addy Andello, freshman, said. "We conquered every goal we set, and we had so much fun doing it."



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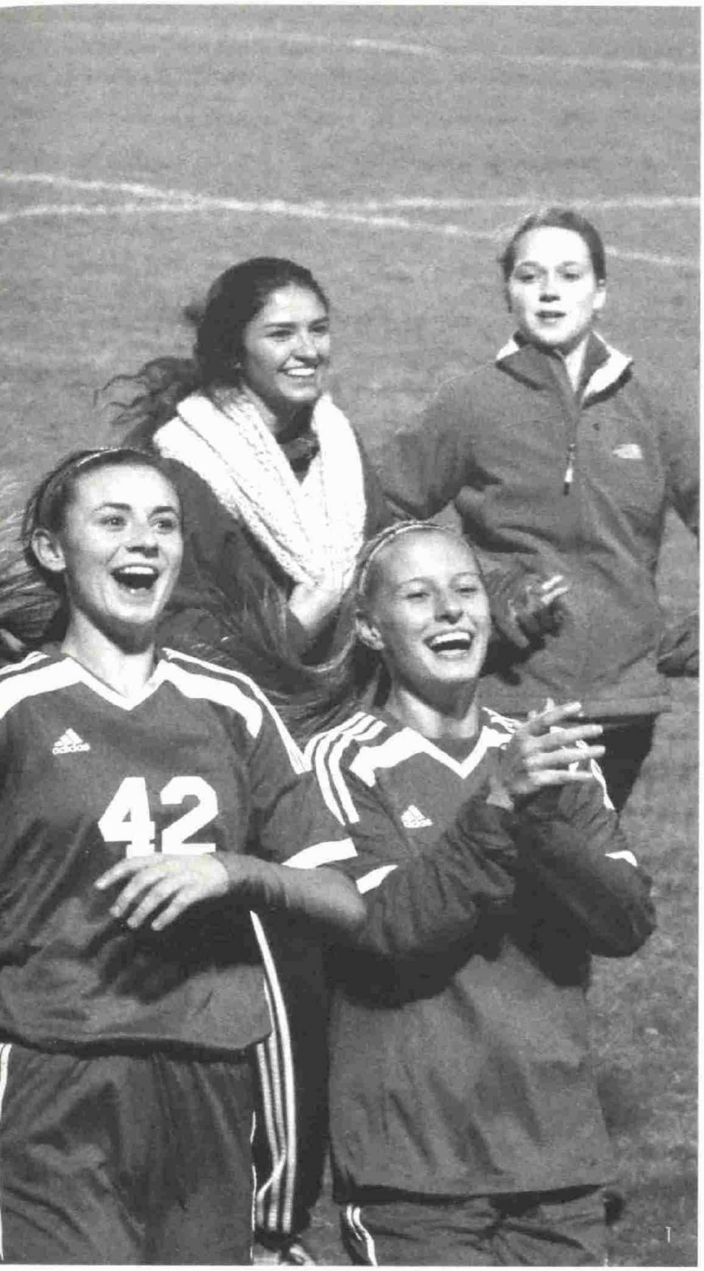
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HASHTAG GOALS

Girls' Soccer accomplished victories through hours of practice

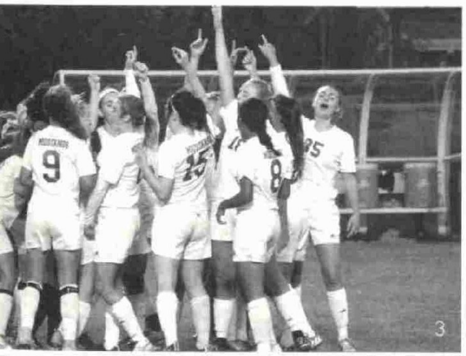
8+ hours in week	14 hours per week	Record: 21-2
4 day summer runs 5-7 a.m.	6 day training practice after school	Scored 70 goals
Won 4 trophies	53 assisted goals	25 varsity players

Source: *Coach Valerie Pflum*

1. THROWING HANDS After winning Regionals, Kaila Crague (3), senior, Jaycee Helmer (18), sophomore, and Lizzie Fies (42), junior, cheered for their victory win against Kankakee Valley. "When the final buzzer went off it was the best feeling in the world knowing we won Regionals," Crague said.

2. SOUL SISTERS Celebrating the season, sophomores Olivia Foley (26) and Jaycee Helmer (18) high-five as they wait to have a team photo taken. "I was excited to play with my teammates, they were like sisters to me," Helmer said.

3. BREAKING CURSE Before the Regional Championship against Kankakee Valley, the team does a pre-game cheer. "The whole team was so pumped for that game," Kayleigh Yaeger, junior, said. "We wanted to win so badly."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4. ON THE SPOT Running towards the ball, Cami Kekelik, junior, takes charge at Regionals. Cami maintained to pass it to her teammate." I knew I had to try and score as quickly as possible and get past their defense," Kekelik said.

5. A SECRET WEAPON Thinking about what her move was going to be on the field, according to Haley Collison (6), senior, she watches from the sideline. "Coach (Valerie Pflum, math teacher) always put me in to knock people down because I was aggressive," Collison said.

6. LOOK BACK AT IT As Brooke Newton, senior, gets ready to play her first game as a senior against Lake Central, Coach Valerie Pflum, math teacher, raises her spirit." It was our first last game and we were reminicing past years together," Coach Pflum

7. MAKING MOVES Beating Andrean 2-0, Saveda Majety, junior, kicks the ball in order to make her next move. She knew what she had to do in order to help her team win. "I was really nervous going against them because of how good they were, beating some of our competition," Majety said.

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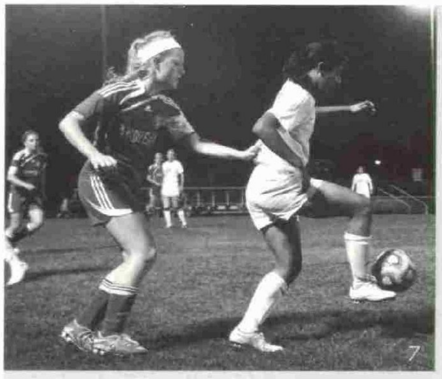
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SINK OR SWIM

With 30 Sectional Championships in the Mustange name, the Mustangs were not sure if they could accomplish their 31st title as they faced unexpected circumstances

To an outsider, it may have looked like another humid morning spent racing in the Crown Point swimming pool. To the swimmers diving into the pool, it was the race to either drown the Seahorses' 30-year Sectional Championship streak or propel it into its 31st year.

"Going into a sectional with a 30-year Championship streak was definitely stressful, especially with us not having one of our top swimmers and divers (due to disciplinary reasons)," Jimmy Svolos, junior, said. "I couldn't let our team be the team to lose the streak, so we showed them (Crown Point) that this Sectionals (title) was ours to keep."

Svolos swam in three races: the 200 individual medley, the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. He respectively placed 1st, 4th and 5th.

"I was nervous, mostly for the 500 freestyle because I knew that I would have tough competition," Tony Bohling, freshman said. "The kids who swam in that event were some of the fastest swimmers in Indiana."

While confidence bubbled in some, nerves were splashed in others. However, when Bohling placed 3rd in the 500 freestyle and 2nd in the 200 individual medley, he became excited knowing he earned his team points necessary to remain the reigning Sectional Champions, according to Bohling.

"Out of all my three years (on Varsity Boys' Swimming), it was the closest Sectionals that I've ever been in," Jack Wulf, junior, said. "I was pretty nervous, but we ended up taking home our 31st Sectional Championship."

Wulf placed first in both of his events: 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke. However, Wulf did not race for just himself, the team or the Sectional Championship title, but rather, he raced for his grandpa.

"My Grandpa Wulf's health conditions weren't the best," Wulf said. "He taught me how to swim when I was four, so I won for him."

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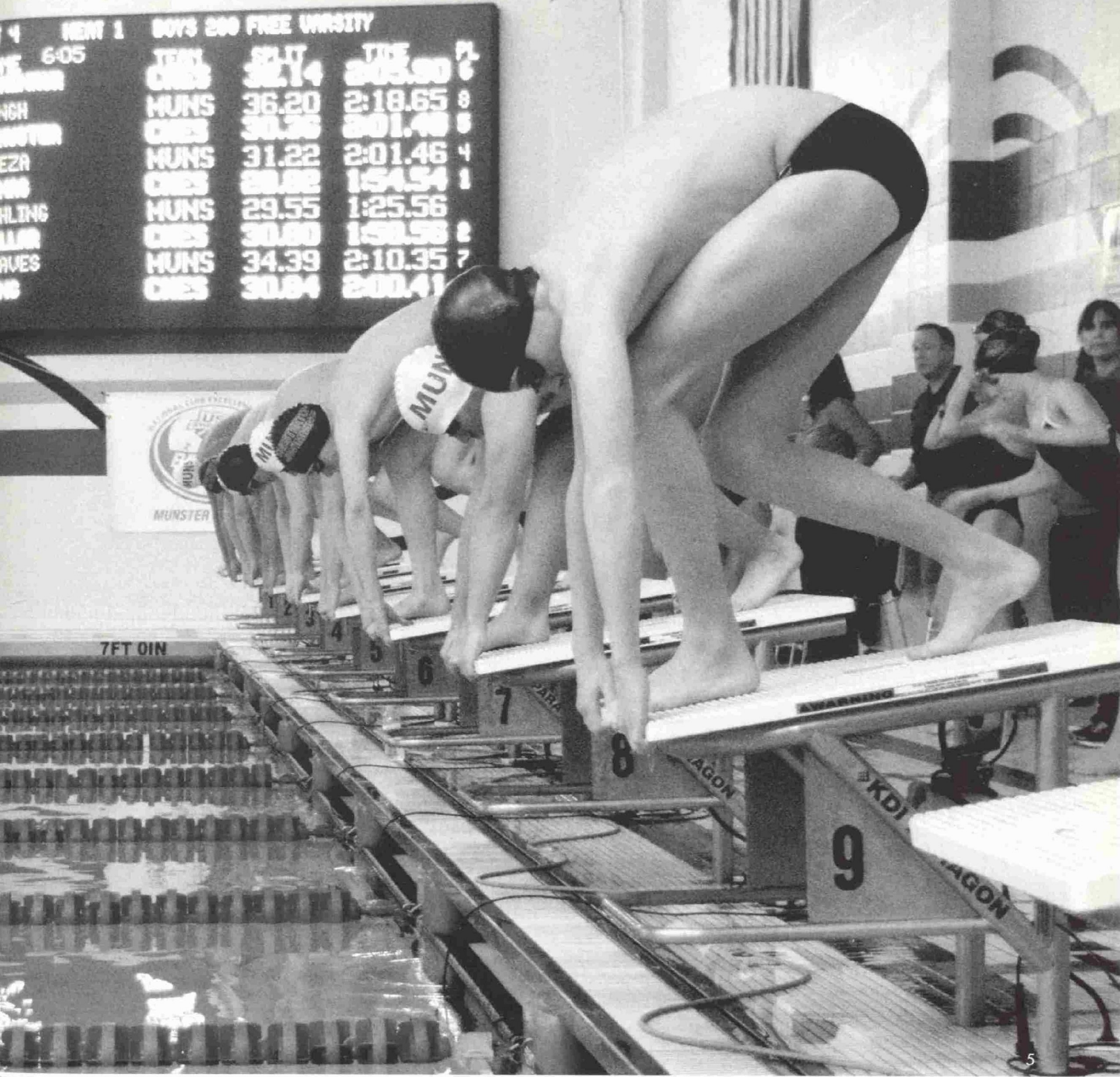
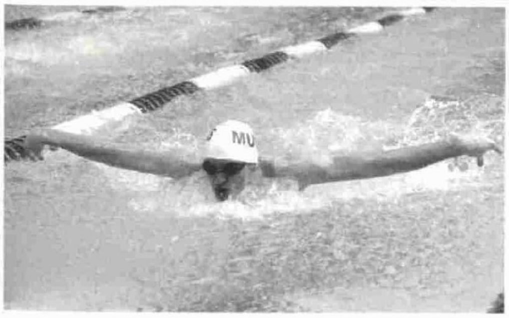
FIRST OUT OF THE GATE

The 2016 season resulted in winning Conference and Sectionals and breaking the top 15 at State

1st Place	1st Place	13th Place
Jan. 30, 2016	Feb. 20, 2016	Feb. 26, 2016





1. IN FULL MOTION As his arms extend through the water, Eric Wallace, sophomore, swam in the Sectionals race. Because the upperclassmen team shrunk, many underclassmen were able to swim on Varsity. "I was really proud of being able to even swim Varsity," Wallace said. "Winning didn't matter because I tried my best."

2. 'BOUT TO DIVE IN Preparing to dive in the waters, Matt Dempsey, junior, performs his dive at a meet. Due to disciplinary reasons, the top diver was lost, and swimmers had to step up to the plate. "I did my best for the team," Dempsey said.

3. GOGGLED TO GO In the midst of his race, Tony Bohling, freshman, tried to make a name for himself on the Varsity team. Bohling got 2nd place in the 200 individual medley at Sectionals. "Being a freshman on Varsity was hard because it was a lot of pressure," Bohling said. "I just wanted my team to win."

4. LET 'EM FLY With time ticking on the clock, Jack Wulf, junior, tries to beat his own record, and win one for his team. Fortunately, he got first place. "I wasn't able to beat the school record, but I knew I did well," Wulf said.

5. READY, SET Lined up with their competitors, swimmers prepared to race the first heat of the 200 freestyle from left to right Jasvir Singh, freshman, Joseph Baeza, junior, Tony Bohling, freshman and Vincent Niaves, junior. Bohling placed 2nd in the 200 freestyle finals. "Just competing with my teammates was fun," Niaves said. "Even though we didn't all win 1st place, it was a great experience."

SEASON IN THE WORKS

After practices and injuries, the players qualified for Sectionals

Starting the game off, Connor Manous, senior (5) was just about to make his lucky three point shot. Boys' Basketball was playing Griffith High School and he made the final shot and the crowd screamed as the team won 48-47.

"By far my favorite and most successful moment was making that lucky shot. The crowd went wild after I shot and I definitely will not forget it," Manous said.

The year started off a little rough but gradually started playing well and getting more wins. Towards the end of the season they were hit with a couple of injuries and sickness by a couple members of the team. Overall the team won 13 games with 13 losses.

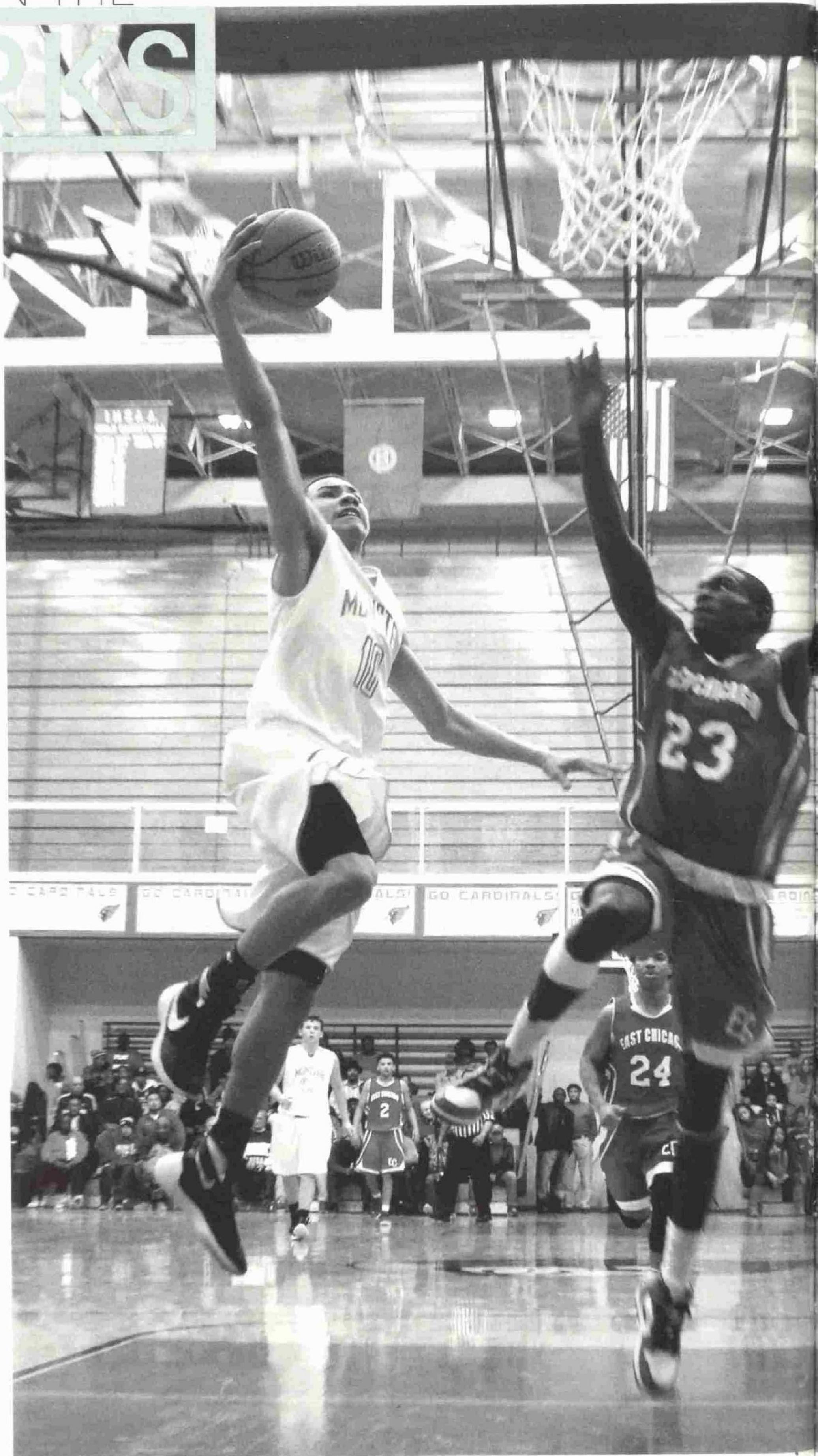
"I thought we didn't have a typical basketball year with tons of wins and very few losses but I think overall it was a good year," Luke Hackett, senior said.

This year there was a lot younger players and according to Hackett there were inexperienced compared to previous years. Although this year has struggles the team still managed to be very close.

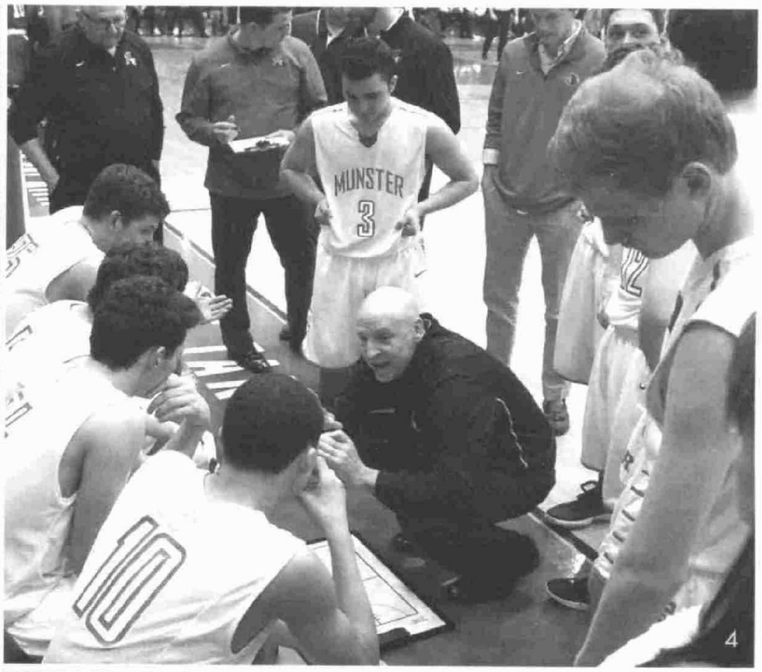
"By far my favorite moments during this season was just all the fun times we had together at the team dinners, we were always laughing and teasing each other," Hackett said.

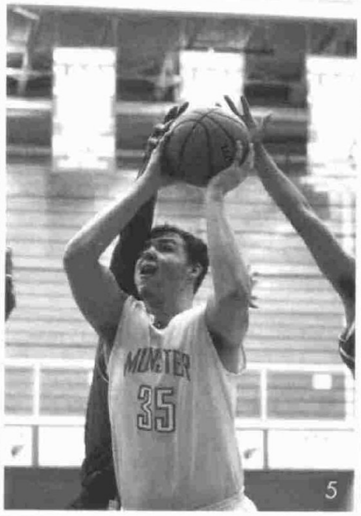
The season ended against East Chicago at sectionals losing 68-56. They worked hard this season by having practices everyday besides Sundays. They also had weights Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school.

"Coming into the season I kept pushing them to work hard this year and at the end of the season I couldn't be prouder," Coach Michael Hackett said.



JUMPMAN About to jump to retrieve the ball to get ahead, Jevon Morris, freshman(10) leaps into the air. "I had to think fast, and I knew I would have gotten blocked if I didn't at least try," Morris said.





1. PASS IT Starting of the season playing Bishop Noll, Luke Hackett, Senior (20) prepares to pass the ball to his teammate. "It was the first game of the year and I was just looking to see if anyone was open to pass," Hackett said.

2. HOOPFUL During practice, Antoine Van Dyke, senior jumps into the air to dunk. He was practicing for when the real game came along." I tried to dunk as much as I can, but I usually dunk in practices for fun," Van Dyke said.

3. BALL IS LIFE About to make the basket, Connor Manous, senior (5) tries to make the shot. He knew he had to make a move quickly to make it. " I tried to dunk but realized I am 5'11," Manous said.

4. HEAD IN THE GAME During a short break, Coach Michael Hackett, health teacher, encourages his team. " I tried to make sure everyone was on the same page," Coach Hackett said.

5. HEARTS AND HOOPS Trying to make a basket, Jake Strbjak (35) attempts to make a basket against his opponent. "I loved the heart of the game and I put my all into each," Strbjak said.

6. WITH MY WOLVES Running suicides, seniors Antoine Van Dyke, Connor Manous, and Luke Pillarella have to run in 28 seconds. "We practiced so much and running suicides sucked, but it only made us stronger," Van Dyke said.

SEASON RANKINGS

Top players overall rankings during the basketball season

Move	Player	Made
FIELD GOALS	Luke Hackett	115
3 POINT GOALS	Connor Manous	28
FREE THROWS	Luke Hackett	101
ASSISTS	Connor Manous	95
REBOUNDS	Jake Strbjak	125
STEALS	Connor Manous	39

Source: Coach Michael Hackett

BUILDING MORE DEPTH

With the odds against them, Girls' Swimming were determined to give it their all in order to win Sectionals

A Sectional win. A goal that Girls' Swimming strived for this season. After their hard work and constant practices, the girls were able to place 16th in State and achieve such goal.

"One of our weaknesses was definitely how young the team was," Megan Wimmer, junior, said. "Since all of the seniors from the year prior graduated, it was a big change having a younger team instead of a veteran team. At first I did not think that we could win Sectionals and I didn't realize until at the Sectional meet that we actually had a chance to win."

The girls trained nearly daily in order to defeat the odds against them and their younger team in order to prove that they were strong competition.

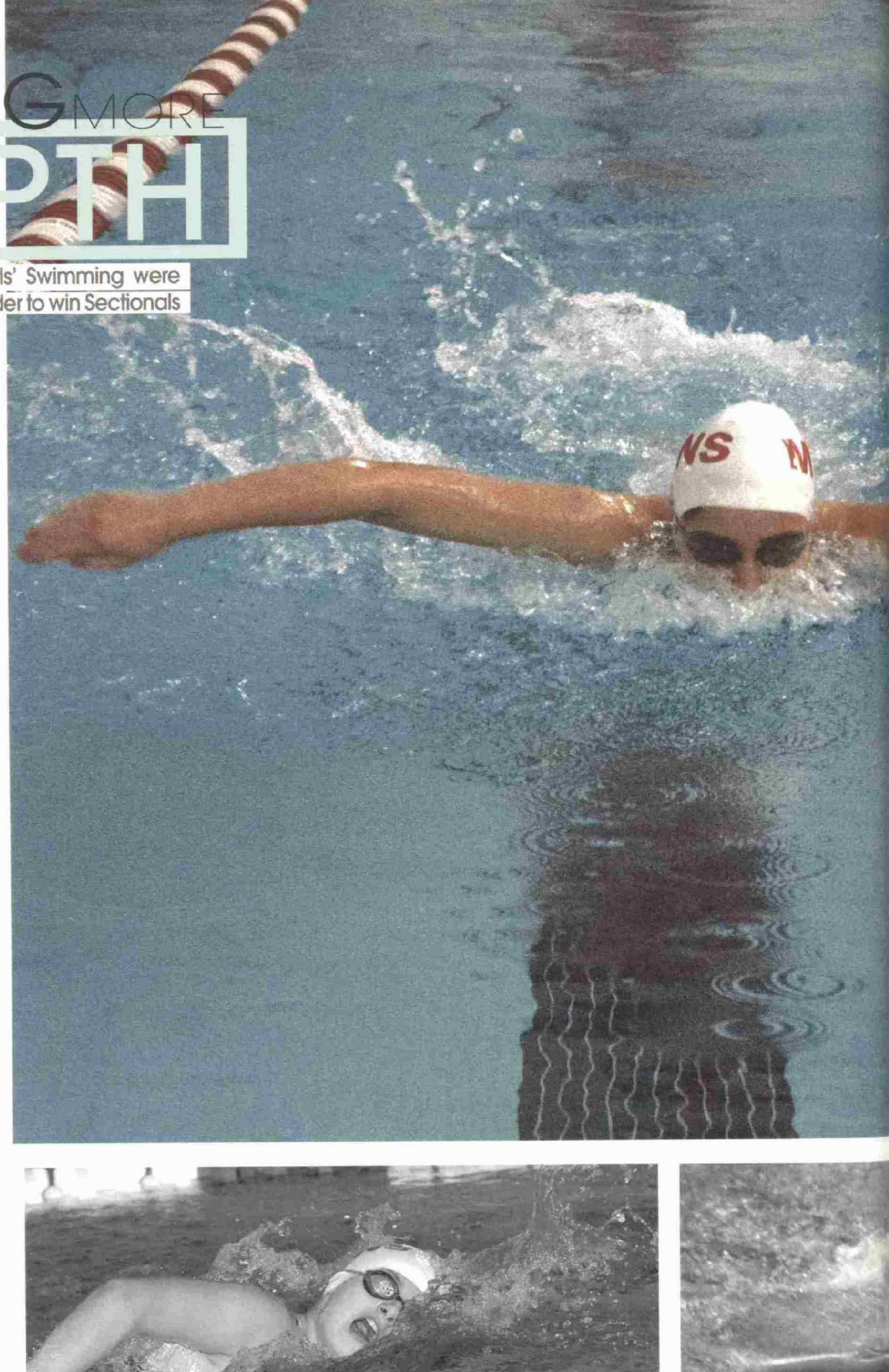
"We were seen as the underdogs," Nicole Wakefield, junior, said. "But we showed them what we were made of and took the (Sectional) win."

Alongside the swim team was Girls' Diving, often sharing practices and competitions.

"The divers scores got added onto the swimmers," Taylor Brant, senior, said. "So, in the end, both teams won the Sectional meet. For Regionals, it was just individuals and I placed 11th."

After the Girls' Swimming and Diving season came to a close, the girls were happy with the outcome and their ability to successfully reach their goals according to Brigid McGinty, senior.

"I'm so grateful that I was given the chance to compete with such an amazing and hard-working team," McGinty said. "I was really proud of our ability to improve our weaknesses and gain the Sectional win. I wouldn't have wanted to end my last year on this team any other way."



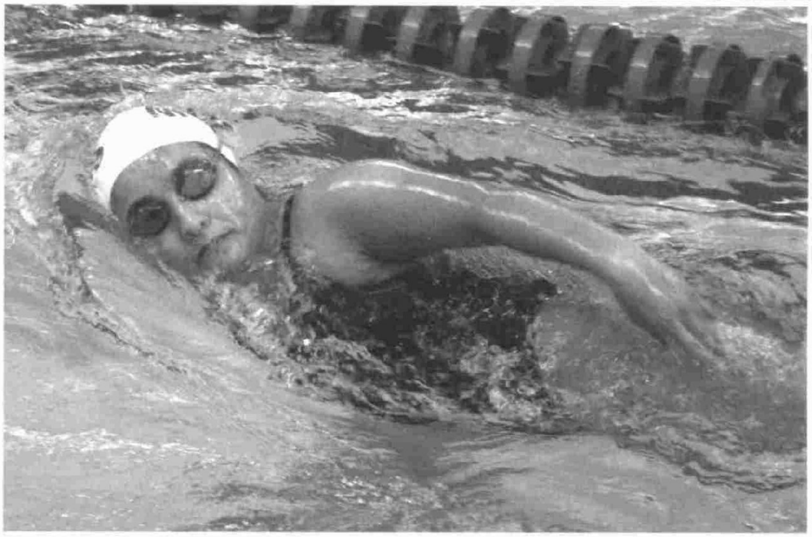
THE FINAL STRETCH Arms stretched wide, Miranda Adams, sophomore, swims the butterfly stroke during a meet. "Before I raced, I was extremely nervous,"Adams said. "But, the rush got me super pumped up and excited to race the clock and the people around me."

BREATH OF FRESH AIR Taking a breath while swimming the sidestroke, Aleksandra Manolojvic, sophomore, practices for an upcoming meet. "Something that I focused on when competing in swim meets was keeping calm and not getting nervous," Manolojvic said.

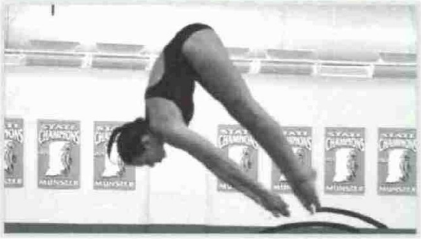
IN IT TO SWIM IT During a swim meet, Charlene Cortez, senior, performs the butterfly stroke. "I usually focused on my technique, long strokes, fast kicking and breathing less," Cortez said.

SINK OR SWIM Preparing to begin their meet, sophomores Miranda Adams and Sofia Zavala, and Miranda Adams, junior, get into position to dive into the water. "Before the event, I would focus on what technique I would use in order to drop time and make my stroke stronger," Zavala said.

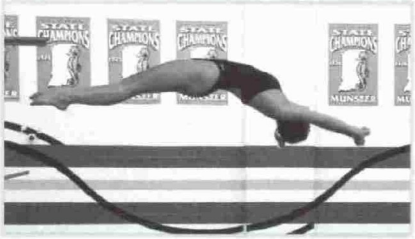
WITH THE CURRENT Swimming the sidestroke, Melissa Bermudez, senior, glides through the water as she competes during a swim meet. "Due to this being my last season, it motivated me to wake up everyday at four in the morning to put in all my effort and swim fast for the upcoming meets," Burmudez said.



TAKE A DIVE Girls' Diving competed with an array of dives throughout their season



Eleanor Wilson, freshman



Taylor Brant, senior

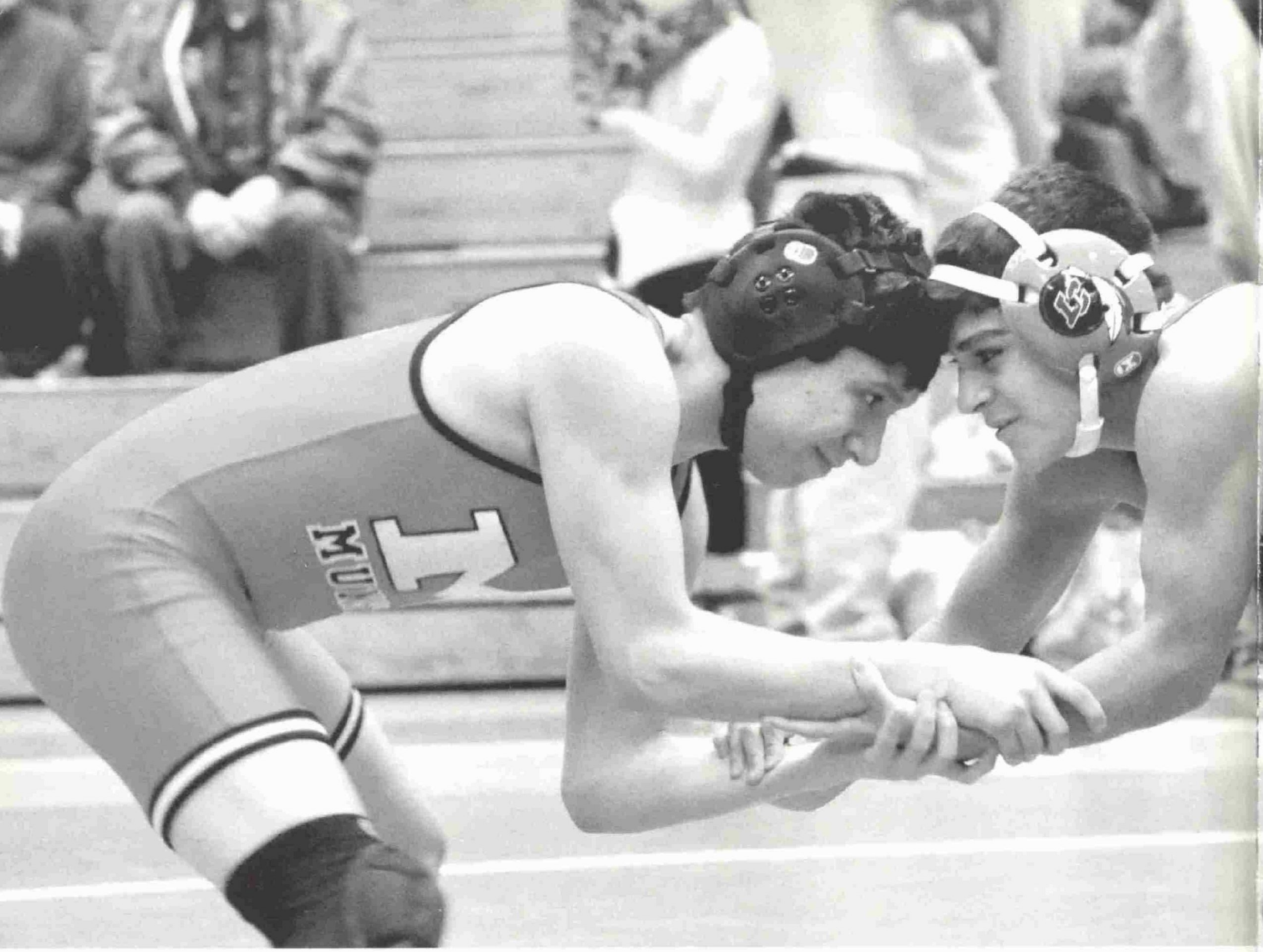
INWARD DIVE

1. Find balance
2. Bend knees
3. Swing arms down to your side
4. Touch pike
5. Go into a hand stand position with nuetral head
6. Try to get hips up when leaving the board

BACK DIVE

1. Stand on the edge of the board
2. Make sure ab muscles are tightened
3. Swimg arms straight past your ears
4. Jump and lift your chin
5. Flatten your palms

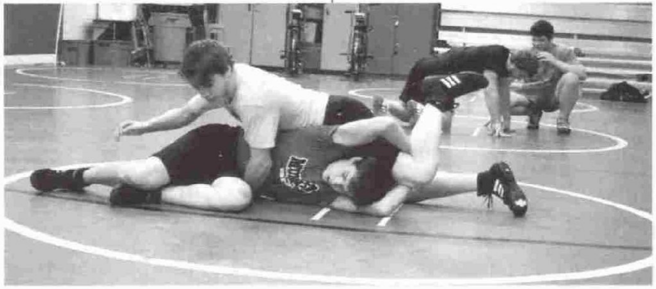
Sources: Taylor Brant, senior and Eleanor Wilson, freshman



BROTHER SEE BROTHER DO

Wrestling facts about brothers, Jason Crary, junior, and Cody Crary, sophomore from their entire career

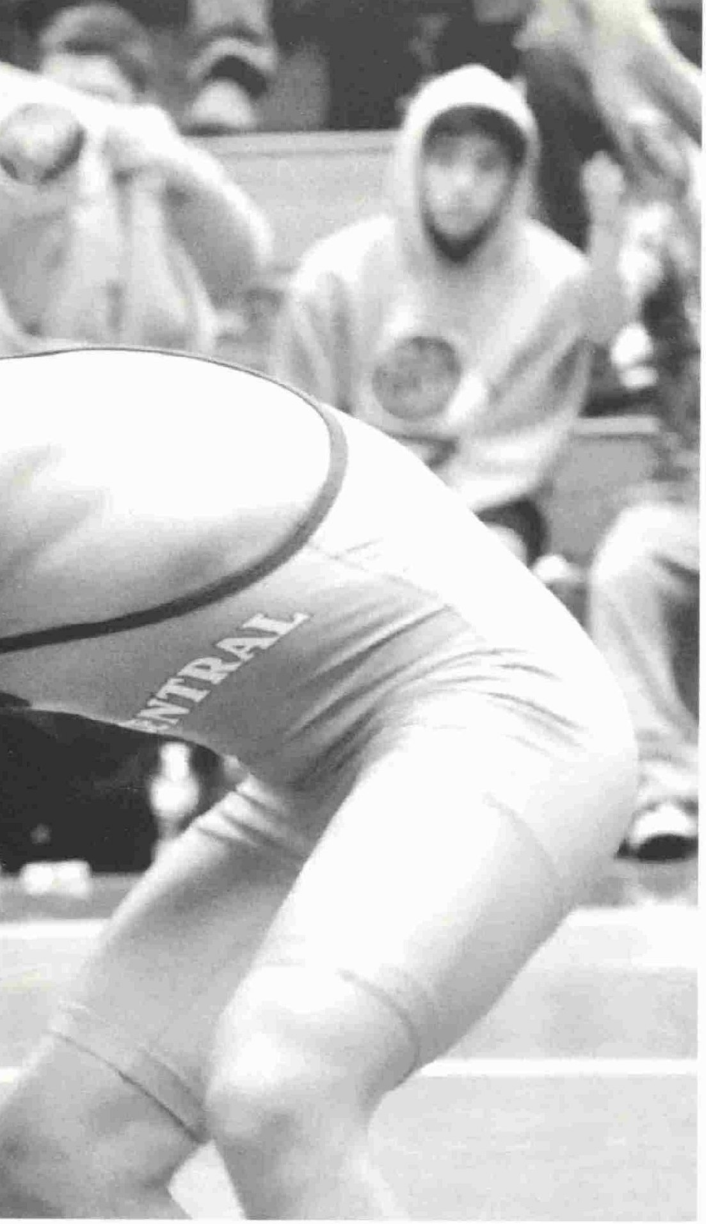
	Cody	Jason
Experience	9 years	12 years
Matches	1000	1500
Record	70 -10	38 - 3
Division	132 lbs.	138 lbs.
Made it to	Semi-State	State



CLOSE MATCH During practice, Cody Crary, sophomore, and Jason Crary, senior, wrestle. Practicing helped them prepare for tournaments. "Jason is more experienced, so he taught me new things," said Cody.

Source: Cody Crary, sophomore and Jason Crary, junior

CAREFUL COACHING Speculating from the corner of the mat, Coach Mike Crary and Coach Zach Slosser watch a practice match. The coaches watched the match and gave tips on improving. "I enjoy seeing the improvement throughout the year in the kids," Zach said. "Seeing the enjoyment on their face when they success is great."



PIN IT
TO WIN IT

AFTER A STEEP DECREASE IN TEAM SIZE, WRESTLERS SHARE HOW THEY ADAPTED TO THE RESULTING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CHANGES

Positive and negative effects have resulted from the wrestling teams decrease in nearly half it's size since the previous season.

"Every program goes through ups and downs," Michael Szewka, senior, said. "The team had a lot of people who don't have a lot of experience. When people join in high school, it's great but, it puts us at a disadvantage to those who have been doing it since they were in elementary school."

The wrestling team has seen a steep decrease in new members, Osama Safi, sophomore, believes this is because people are intimidated by the sport.

"People are afraid of wrestling because they find it uncomfortable when they have to touch other boys when wrestling," Osama said.

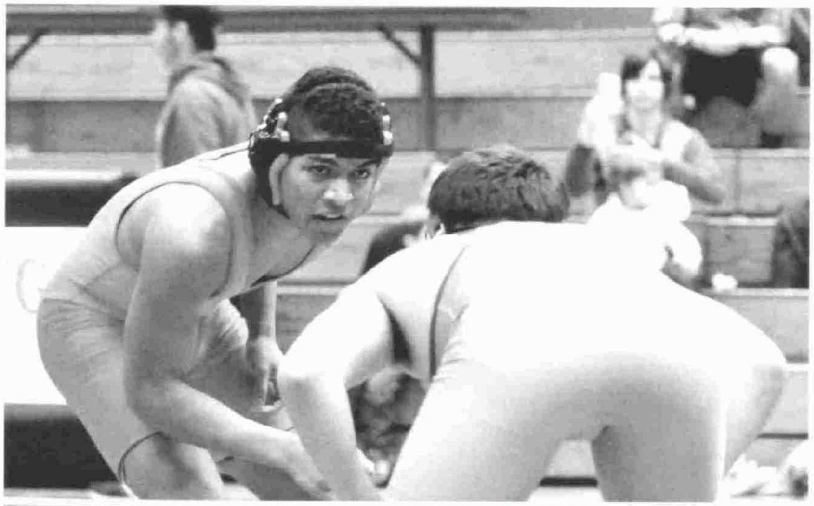
Others wrestlers like Cody Crary, sophomore, believe that the wrestling team's decrease in size is because of a lack of interest.

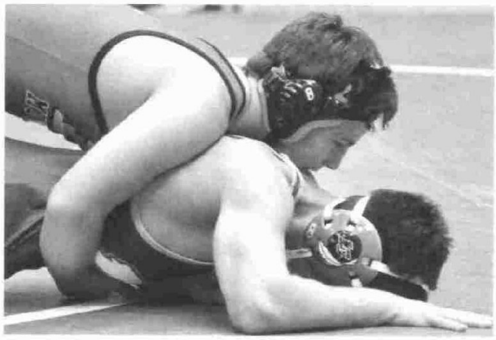
"The team has dropped in size because less and less freshman are showing interest," Cody Crary, sophomore, said. "The juniors have had to take over what the seniors would normally do like lead practices."

With many of the senior graduating last year, the team was only left with one senior, Micheal Szewka. While the small size of the wrestling team has resulted in some leadership issues, it has also given the coaches an opportunity for more one-on-one time with the wrestlers.

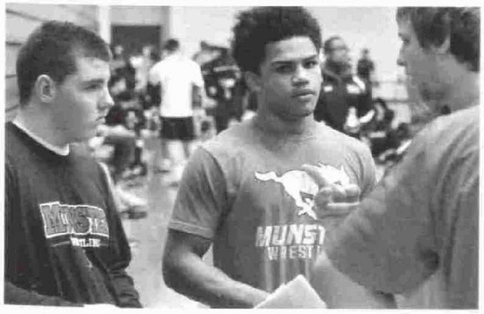
"So many of the seniors graduated which leaves me and the other captains to set an example for the younger wrestlers," Jason Crary, junior, said. "It has taught me how to stand up, respect others and how to be a leader."

FACE OFF Facing a Lake Central opponent, Rodrigo Contreras, junior, attempts to score by getting the Lake Central wrestler down. Although Contreras made a move on his opponent, he did not win the match. "I was scared I wouldn't get him down before the end of the period," Contreras said. "I really wanted to score for my team."



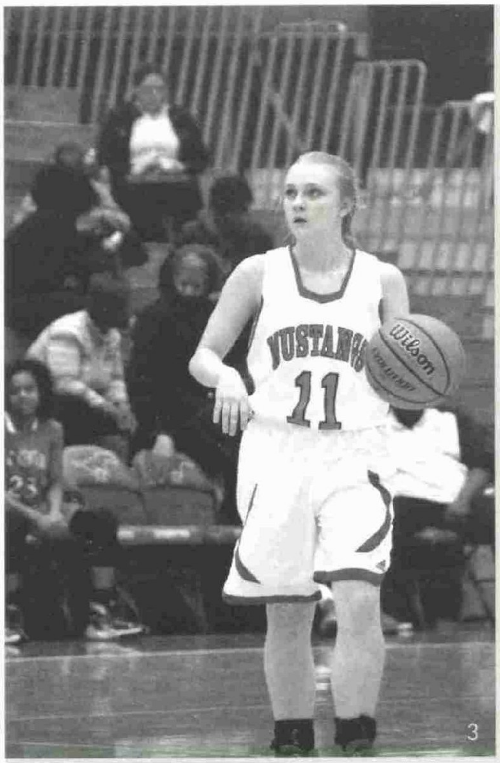


MAN DOWN During a match against a Lake Central wrestler, Ziek Clark, junior, pins down his opponent. The move he made led him to victory. "This was a hard move to do," Ziek said. "I had to use all my body weight to keep the guy down."



WIDE EYES As the match begins, Rosendo Heath, senior, stares into his opponent's eyes. Rocendo planned to go for the Lake Central wrestler's leg. "I didn't look at his leg at first so he wouldn't see it coming," Rosendo said. "Eye contact was just a distraction."

TAKE SOME POINTERS After a match, AJ Zachary, sophomore, stands by Jonah Clark, freshman, and receives some advice from Coach Zach Slosser. He took the advice for future impovement. "Wrestling has taught me that hard work and training are challenging, but your victories will only make you stronger," Zachary said.



BASKETBALL GIRLS' PROBS

The girls shared their struggles that they shared being a part of the team

"I would say we're winning on-and-off the court, but we aren't doing either."

-Maria Sirounis, senior

"WHAT'S A STUDENT SECTION?"

"OUR SHORTS ARE LONGER THAN 90% OF MARRIAGES"

"Our ugly striped red and white warm-up pants that made everyone look fat. I refuse to wear them."

[illegible]

"ANKLE BRACES. WE WERE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEM, BUT THEY CAME IN HANDY BECAUSE I FELL A LOT."

MAEVE RILEY, SOPHOMORE

1. FRIEND AND FOE In an attempt to take the ball to the net, Megan Zabrecky (33), senior, drives against her opponent during the Andrean game, which ended with a 24-59 loss. "Andrean was one of our biggest competitors," Zabrecky said. "A lot of girls knew each other, so it was competitive, but fun."

2. ALLEY-OOP AROUND Reaching up for a shot, Sammi Buvala (5), senior, tries to put some points on the board for her team during the game against Chesterton. The game ended with a 39-65 loss. "We had a lot of tough games this year," Buvala said. "But our record stayed decent, especially after losing players."

3. FRESH ON THE COURT Dribbling down the court, Isabella Bednarowski, freshman, catches her breath as she waits to step onto half-court during the East Chicago game. The game ended with a 39-65 loss. "I tried to always stay mentally prepared for going into a game," Bednarowski said. "The best way was listening to music, talking to my teammates and staying focused."

4. WHIPPIN' INTO SHAPE While being called into the game against Chesterton, seniors Maria Sirounis and Melissa McCann perform their high-five ritual they do before games. "The whole team was just really close and goofy, especially the seniors," McCann said. "Whether we lost or won, we wanted to have fun."

5. JUMPIN' THE LINE Hands in the air, Sam Barrazza, freshman, follows through her shot at the Highland JV game. "Being on JV was a really good learning experience," Barrazza said. "You got to know a lot of the girls, get a feel for how the team worked and learned a lot about how the game went in high school."

ON & OFF THE COURT

Five seniors on the basketball team played through their last season after years of playing together

Playing their last basketball game meant more than just putting on their red-and-white jerseys for the last time. For seniors Maria Sirounis, Melissa McCann, Sammi Buvala and Maddie Moore, it meant playing one last game on the same court together as they had been for nine years.

"We had been playing together since third grade Biddy Ball," Sirounis said. "Whether we were on the same team or playing against each other, we just grew up playing together."

From third grade to high school, the girls played together on travel AAU basketball teams. Sharing a similar interest in the same sports, the girls grew closer as friends on and off the court, according to McCann.

"This year was the year that everything kind of came together," Buvala said. "We had a new coaching staff, a lot of Varsity was brand new, and since it was our last year playing together, we really wanted to end with a bang."

Ending the season with a 12-12 record, the girls did not let any of their losses stand in their way of making the most of their year.

"We were expected to be dead last in Conference, but we came out and finished in third," Sirounis said.

During their last game against Morton High School, the seniors put on their jerseys and played on the same court for their last time together as a team.

"We all said we couldn't wait for the season to be over," Maddie said. "But once the buzzer rang, we all bawled our eyes out knowing it was our last time playing together."

SECTIONAL CHAMPS
PEP
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PRIME ON THE LINE Waiting on the opposite end of the court, Cami Kekelik (25), junior, stretches out her hamstrings as she waits for her opponent from ECC to finish shooting free throws. The game ended with a 39-65 loss on the home court. "(Basketball games) were always very fast-paced and non-stop movement," Kekelik said. "Whenever I got an opportunity to just take a deep breath and relax, I took advantage of it."

OFF THE RAILS

Recreational sports provided an outlet for students outside the team structure

Soaring two and a half feet above the ground on his skateboard was the best way to cool off from a stressful day at school, according to Alex Ramirez, junior. The Munster Skate Park was the rock he depended on to get away from life's daily drama.

"I went there for hours and hours on end," Alex said. "From sunrise until sunset, I went and skated."

Alex loved the way the skate park felt when he was there, though it had not always been that way.

"It used to be kind of bad and run down, but then the city replaced the rubber on the ramps so now it's really smooth there and it has a very nice feel to it," Alex said. "I loved the rails, I loved the ledges and I loved the park."

The skate park was a very open place that was welcome to everyone.

"No one judged you based on your economic status, where you're from, what color you were, what music you listened to, how you dressed, what you rode. Everyone was just friends there," Alex said.

On the other hand, Chris McLeod, sophomore, went to the skate park simply to hang out with friends.

"I didn't skate or BMX when I was there, and I've never felt like I had to either," McLeod said. "I'd go to a normal park and hang out, but I'd rather look at people doing cool stunts than look at kids playing on the swings."

NO RESTRICTIONS Enjoying his free time at the Munster Skatepark, Sam Plate, senior leaps into the air on his board. He always wanted to learn a new trick. "There's always something new to try and I like skateboarding because there was no team and no coach," Sam said.

A REAL SKATE RAT Attempting to ride together, seniors, Josh Briette and Sam Plate glide over without hitting each other. Both of them skated together frequently. " I usuallly went to Chicago to skate to meet other kids that enjoy skating just like me because it was a great experience to learn cool tricks," Josh said.

HE WAS A SKATERBOY Grinding off the rail, seniors, Josh Briette and Sam Plate practice their tricks. They learned from each other on the skate park. " Skateboarding you just get to go at your own pace and the feeling of riding around is something else," Sam said.w

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1. [illegible] Practicing their tossing, Ms. Stephanie Peterson, French teacher, leads Kammy Moore, sophomore. She demonstrated how to throw singles and doubles. "I enjoy helping the girls get the perfect throw, it is fun to watch the flag in the air," Peterson said.

2. BEFORE THE MADNESS Waiting to get on the ice, Brodie Claesgens, senior and Michael Cuvala (89), watch the hockey team. They had time to kill so they were able to relax before playing. " I love the game itself and the feeling it gives me when I got my skates on and just do what I love to do," Brodie said.

3. WHOLE NEW WORLD Doing a drill, Michael Cuvala (89), senior, is about to get a pass from the line across the ice. He went in and shot on the goalie. "I love hockey because I get to glide on the ice and it was like I was in a different world," Cuvala said.

4. [illegible] Running towards his teammate, Dom Gianinni, senior, had hopes of smacking the ball out of senior Miles Barilla's hands. He enjoyed playing meaningless games with his friends. "I really enjoyed Biddy Ball because I wasn't too worried about winning or losing," Dom said. "We all just had fun."

5. HEAVY METAL FITNESS Exercising and strength training for swimming, Nicole Wakefield (*left*), junior, works out for a half hour. She was doing a workout to strengthen her arms. "I know that I always get an amazing workout and I felt it the next day," Nicole said.

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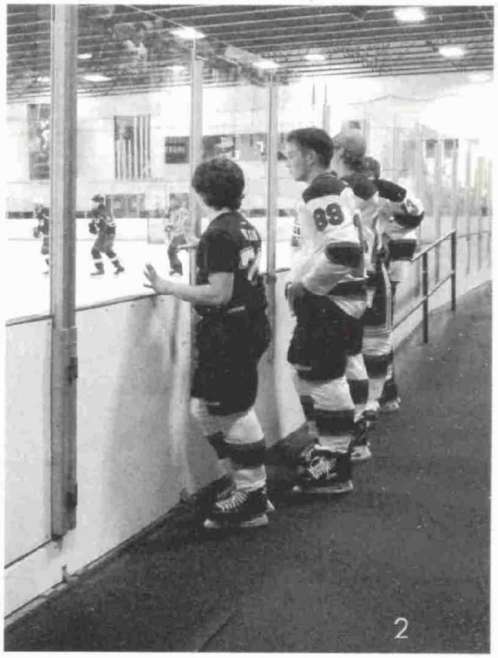
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TRICK TERMINOLOGY

Know all about the tricks of skateboarding and winter guard

Skateboard

- **Kickflip** where the board rotates 360 degrees in the air
- **Boardslide** sliding on the rail
- **Feeble** more advanced than boardslide by twisting while sliding on rail

Source: Joshua Briette, senior

Winter Guard

- **J tosses** grabbing the top end of flag, swinging it into air and catching it
- **Parallels** flat flag circles above head
- **Singles** throwing flag into air, rotating once
- **Doubles** throwing flag air, rotating twice

Source: Kelsey Pappas, freshman

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Winning first place titles and advancing to State, Abigail Kapitan, senior, excelled throughout the season and landed herself on Notre Dame's track team

Abigail Kapitan, senior, never pictured herself as a shot put or discus thrower. Spending her freshman year on the basketball team, her coaches saw hidden potential for a future track star.

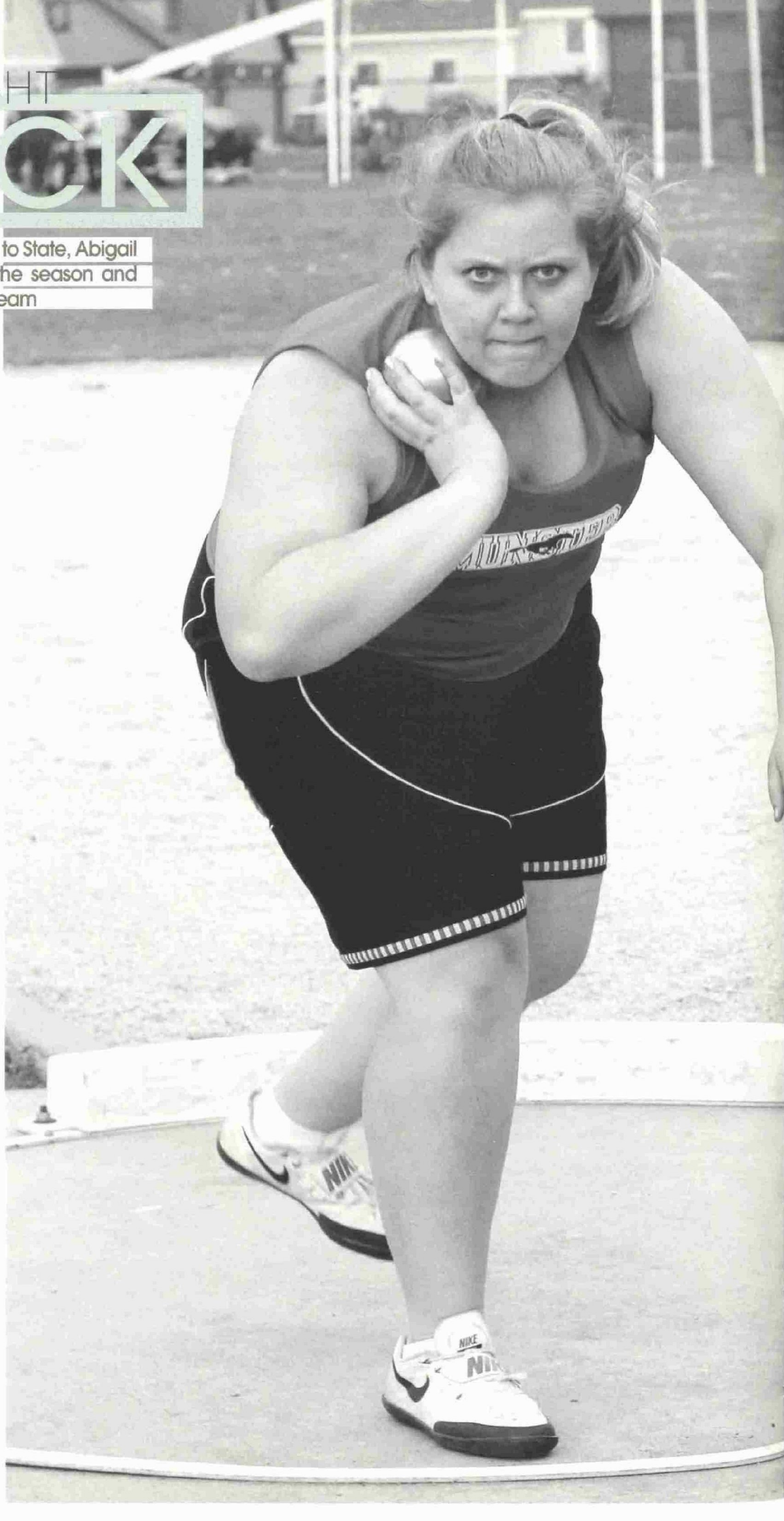
"I was a basketball player for the first two years of high school," Kapitan said. "I quit playing after the summer before my junior year to focus on track, because Coaches (Barnes and Sluder) told me if I could focused on track they would help me start conditioning in the fall so I could have a real shot at going to State in the spring."

According to Kapitan, she became completely focused on lifting weights and training for throwing. Eventually, she began training all year round instead of just in the spring.

This season, Kapitan was Conference Champion in shot put and discus. She was also the Regional Champion in shot put and placed second place at the State Meet with a new personal record of 45'10.

"Abbey has been the hardest worker on our team for the past three years," Coach Sluder said. "She has put track before almost all else except her academics and she has had the sole drive to better herself and her team. I could not be more proud of her. She has set a goal and worked tremendously hard to achieve it."

Amid all her accomplishments on the track team, colleges began to notice Kapitan. Scouted by Harvard, Indiana University and Notre Dame, Kapitan had to make a decision. Notre Dame provided the Biology major she desired, so she will continue her academic and athletic career as a Fighting Irish.



THE RIGHT MOMENT Getting ready to begin her throw with a glide, Abigail Kapitan, senior, stares at her focal point. Moments before she throws, Kapitan relaxes her muscles. "It feels very calm before I throw because I relax most of my muscles and take deep breathes," Kapitan said. "I have to be as relaxed as possible so I can tense up at the right moment, so before I throw I just take a second and breathe."

1. PREPARE FOR LANDING At the Munster Invitational Meet, Jill Ylo, senior, gets ready to land after pole vaulting. "Before I performed my vault, I was thinking about keeping my speed, planting my pole at the right time and sticking the plant, and turning up quick enough to get my body over the bar," Ylo said.

2. SIBLING COMPETITION Running the 100 meter hurdles, Alina, freshman, and Ani, junior, Arzumanian compete against each other as sisters. "I enjoyed competing with my sister because I've never been on the same team as her and we were able to make so many more memories," Alina said.

3. TAKING THE LEAD Running in first during the 1600 meter event, Melanie Mooney, junior, hustles towards the finish line. "Track showed me that hard work pays off when you reach the finish line and are proud of your accomplishments," Mooney said.

4. THE HAND OFF Passing the baton during the 4x400 relay team event, Adeyah Shine, freshman, hands it off to Jenna Sell, sophomore. "Adeyah ran the first leg and I was the second leg," Sell said. "Running the relay felt amazing and definitely gets your adrenaline going."

BREAKING THE SCHOOL RECORD

Four girls tried to break the school's record for the 4x800-meter relay at State

PR: personal record

OLIVIA FOLEY *sophomore*	PR: 2:21
MELANIE MOONEY *junior*	PR: 2:24
KAYLEE GALVAN *sophomore*	PR: 2:23
BRISA BOHLING *freshman*	PR: 2:22

PURPOSE OF AN ALTERNATE:
In case a runner for the 4x8-meter relay gets injured last minute, an alternative runner fills in so the team does not have to forfeit the event

ALTERNATES FOR 4x8:
Elise Garcia,
sophomore
Anastasia Cipowski-Smith,
freshman
Laila Khani,
freshman
Anuoluwapo Abioye,
freshman

SCHOOL RECORD: 9:26

TEAM RECORD: 9:36

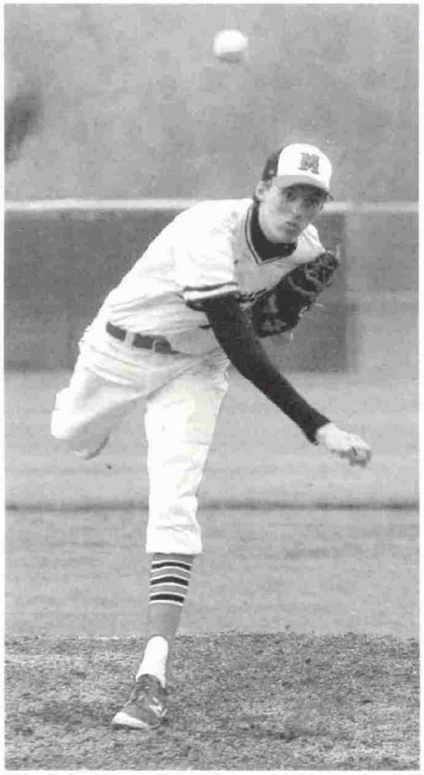
Source: Olivia Foley, sophomore

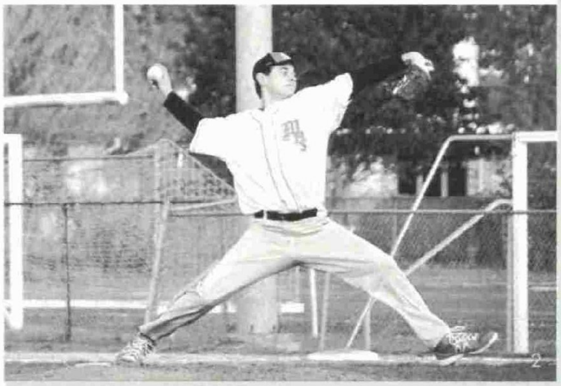
STEPPING UP TO THE MOUND

Knowing how to throw the perfect pitch was vital when it came to the team achieving the Sectional Championship win

1. Gripping the ball	2. [illegible]	3. The Pivot	4. Follow Through
Hold ball in your fingertips as opposed to jamming it into your hand. This will help you gain good velocity and wrist snap for control	The overhand pitch is the most effective throwing motion. The technique ensures maximum control and puts less strain on young arms .To start the pitching motion, shift your weight to the back leg and take a backward step	During the pivot, keep your weight balanced and eyes on the target. Pivot on the ball of your front foot and shift your weight forward onto the pivot foot. Then, lift your opposite leg into the air	A good follow-through is pivotal for speed and control. As you release the ball, the wrist snaps after coming over the top. The arm snaps across the body and the pivot, foot swings around to a position that squares you up to the plate

Source: www.thecompletepitcher.com





1. PITCH PERFECT Pitching in a game against Gary West Side, CJ Gloff, junior, makes sure he keeps his arm closed in order to have more control over the ball. "I thought about doing the 'touch, tuck and boom' which is what my pitching coach would tell me to do to have more control on where my pitch is going," Gloff said.

2. THROW A CURVE Winding back before throwing a pitch, Nick Fies, freshman, concentrates on throwing strikes against Andrean. After the game, the team had a four run lead. "(Pitching) came to me a lot easier because I had such a good team to play with," Fies said.

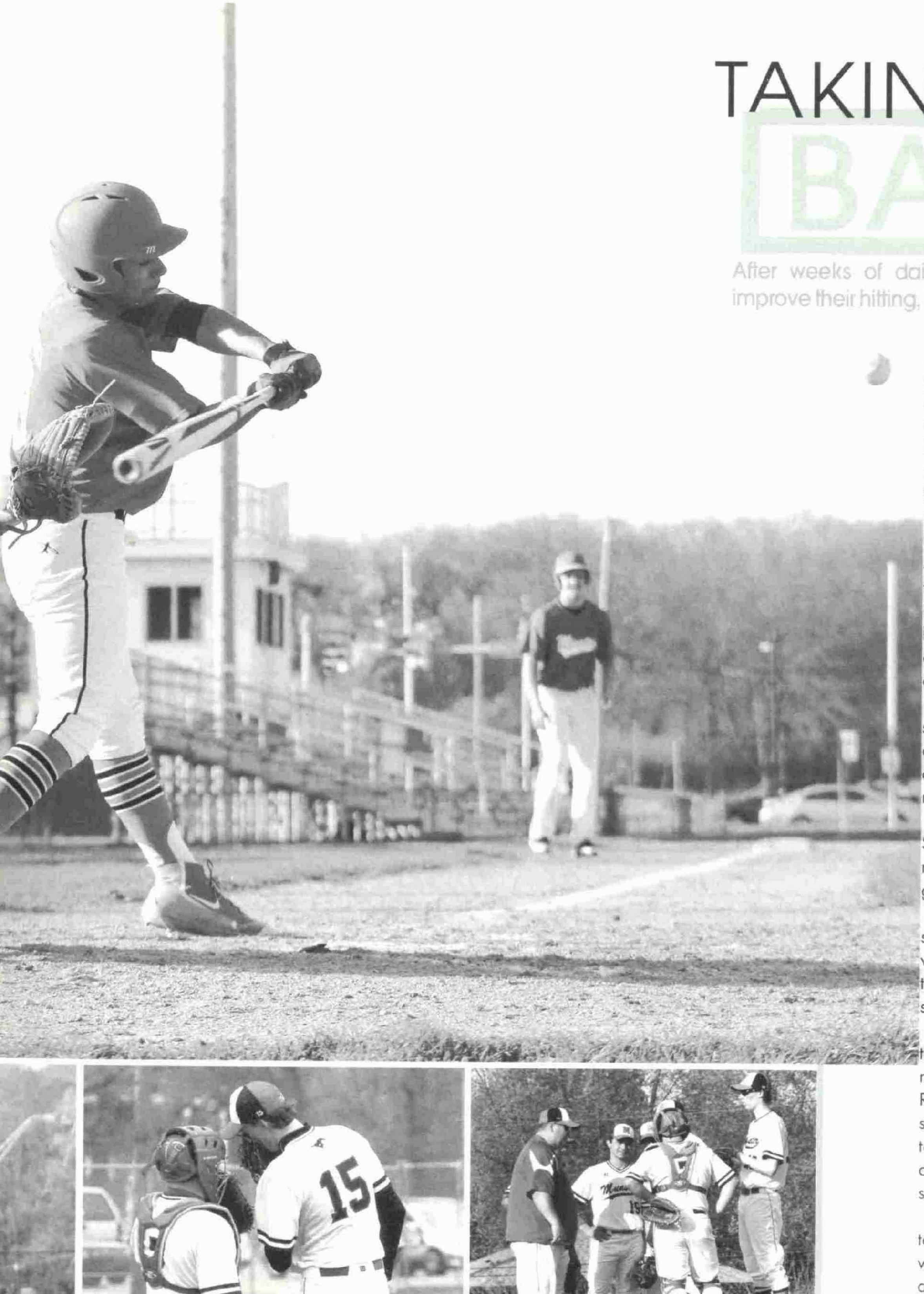
3. FAST BALL Moments after the ball left his fingers, Mike Mandura, junior, watches as the ball makes it's way the an Andrean hitter. "While pitching I just tried to remember my mechanics and thinking of what kind of pitch I want to throw and where I want (the ball) to go," Mandura said.

NO STRIKE HERE Up to bat, Aaron Welch, senior, dodges a ball as he almost gets pegged during a game against Crown Point. The game was won with a score of 8-4. "I didn't really think about anything while I was batting," Welch said. "I just tried to concentrate on where the ball was going."

BEHIND THE BATS During a game against Andrean, Xavier Unzueta, sophomore, laughs at a joke made by Dom Delia, senior. The dugout was often a place for the players to joke around during their games. "I have gotten really close with everyone this year," Unzueta said. "They all made me feel welcomed from day one."

TAKING THE BASES

After weeks of daily practices in the efforts to improve their hitting, Baseball took the Sectional win



The sound of a baseball echoed off the metal bat, dust filled the air as Jimmy Forde, sophomore, slid into home, cheers rose from the crowd as another point was made for the Baseball team. Although the school year had come to a close, the boys took the field once more to play their Sectional Championship game against Highland (2-1), Lowell (5-2) and Lake Central (5-4). The boys had a fulfilling season as they excelled past Sectionals and on to Regionals. Throughout the season, the boys' worked on their weaknesses in order to improve their skills that could assist them on gaining another win.

"We had to work on our hitting this season," Dom Delia, senior, said. "But after we practiced everyday as well as on Saturday mornings, we hit when it mattered the most."

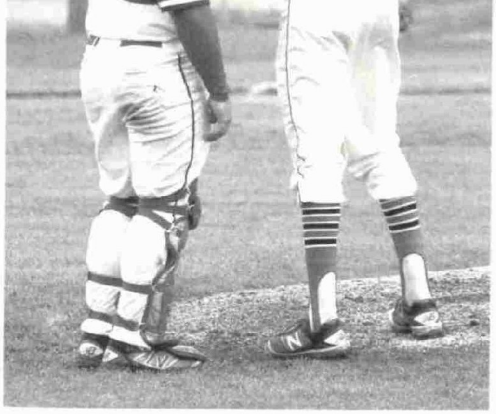
Their efforts paid off as they won Sectionals, leaving the players with memories of pivotal moments from the game-changing win.

"One of the best moments from this season was catching that last strike to win the Sectional Championship, and then running to give Connor (Manous, senior) a hug," Alex Mis, senior, said.

Regionals gave the boys a goal to strive for as their season began to reach its end. In their hopes to take the Regional win, the team went over pitch selections and batting techniques. The team lost against Chesterton in Regionals dashing their hope to further their season all the way to State.

"This was a great season for the team, and I was really looking forward to see the outcome of the games ahead," Manous said.

THE MOMENT BEFORE In a game against Gary West Side, Xavier Unzueta, sophomore, swings at an oncoming ball. The team won with a score of 15-0. "I was just trying to put a good swing on the ball to get the runner home from third," Unzueta said.



GAME PLAYS Discussing what play the team should do next and how the pitcher is feeling, Coach Bob Shinkan, math teacher, Connor Manous, senior, and Mike Mandura, junior, take a time-out in between plays. "It was good for us to all speak together and figure out the strategies we were going to use so we were all on the same page," Manous said.

IN BETWEEN PLAYS In a time out during a game against Andrean, Alex Mis and Mike Mandura go over pitching strategies. "Alex is the catcher so we usually go over strategies we want to use on the next hit," Mandura said. "Alex does a great job behind the plate and calling the pitches."

GETTING THE SWING

Following regular season wins, Boys' Golf won second at Conference as a team entirely comprised of sophomores

Traditionally, varsity teams consist of upperclassmen, as their experience and age leads to greater skill. However, Boys' Golf broke that tradition when they sent their Varsity team, which consisted of all underclassmen, to Conference where they placed second.

"Every conference meet I felt that I had to try my hardest on every shot and stay focused," Louis Dallecarbonare, sophomore, said. "I was a little nervous, but I overcame that fear when I stepped out onto the first hole."

While nerves took hold, excitement also grew. The team's regular season score improved over two-fold from the previous year, which is attributed to maturing on the course, according to Merrick Lieser, sophomore.

"Going into the conference meet, my teammates and I felt really excited that we were an all-sophomore team with an actual chance to win Conference," Lieser said.

As a team, Boys' Golf exceeded expectations in regards to their previous season. Although they excelled, they knew that they could do much more. Their second place finish would have been a first place finish if they played better individually, according to Tony Daniels, sophomore.

"I thought we played well as a team," Daniels said. "But I thought we could have played much better."

Because the conference team had seen surges of improvement within just the past year, they were confident that they would continue to improve over the course of their last two years on the team through hard work and concentration.

"Just throughout the year, we have gotten so much stronger after each practice and each match," Daniels said. "We just focused on the task at hand and concentrated on everything—we will win next time."

EYE ON THE PRIZE At a meet hosted by Lake Central High School, Eric Picard, senior, followed through with his swing. As he watched the golf ball fly through the air, he watched to see where it went; Picard was the only senior on the team and one of two upperclassmen. "By this year, I have really perfected my swing," Picard said. "I tried to keep my feet as steady as possible and focused on exactly where I wanted to hit the ball. If I'm focused on what I want to do and where I want the ball to go, my shot will generally be a lot better than."

[illegible] In a match against Highland High School, Louis Dallecarbonare, sophomore, cleared his mind and focused on perfecting his swing. Dallecarbonare pulled out and 8 iron and put it in close for a birdie with this shot. "Even though this wasn't a post-season match, I knew I needed to prove myself to be on the roster," Dallecarbonare said.

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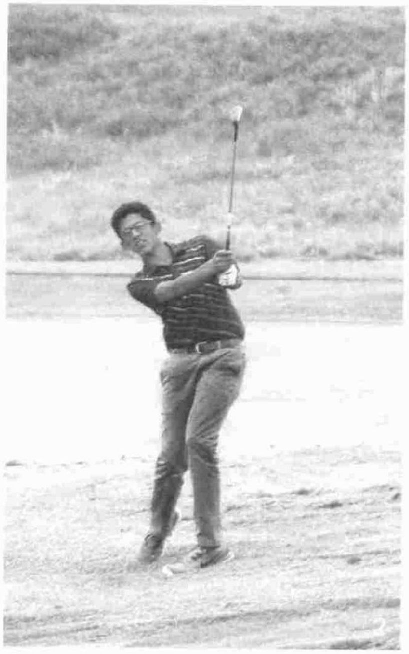


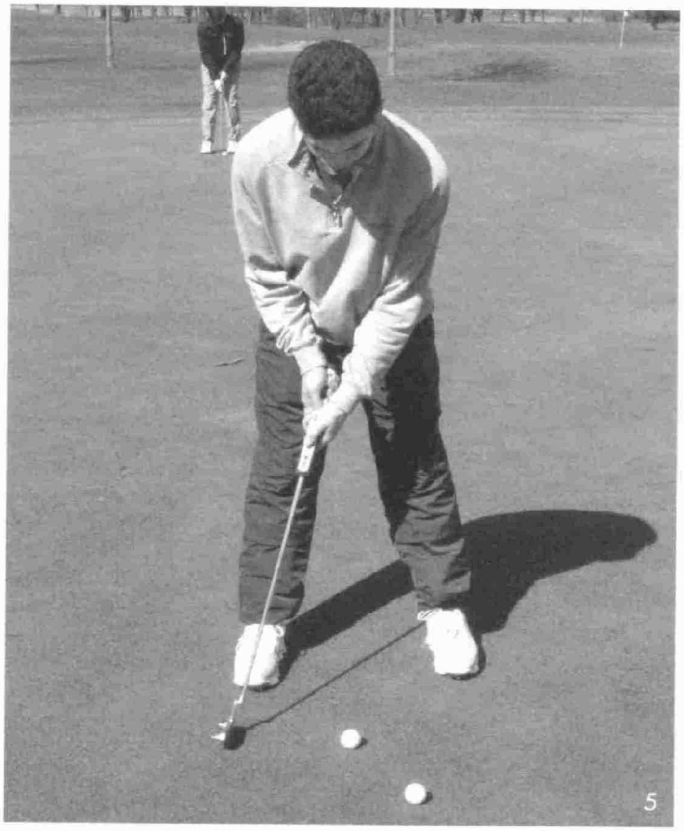
1. IT MAKES THE DREAM WORK Getting ready, Merrick Lieser, sophomore, helped Tony Daniels, sophomore, line up his putt. While they played individually, teamwork was required to earn titles such as Conference. "We were like brothers on the team, " Lieser said. "We always helped each other out."

2. SET UP At a meet against Griffith High School, Eason Venkat, sophomore, keeps his eyes on the ball. The golf players won about 60 percent more meets this regular season compared to last. "It was pretty incredible to be on a team of mostly freshmen last year, and this year, most of us were sophomores," Venkat said.

3. MIND GAMES Following through with his swing, Louis Dallecarbonare, sophomore, played at the Lake Central High School meet. While practice improved his skill, Dallecarbonare believed that his mind determined his performance. "My mental part of the game has improved so much more this year," Dallecarbonare said.

4. BETTER WITH TIME As Tony Daniels, sophomore, swings the golf club, he steadies himself. Daniels was playing at a match. "Just throughout the year, I feel I have just gotten stronger after almost every match," Daniels said. "(I) stayed focused on the task at hand and concentrated on everything."

5. EYE LINE Preparing to putt the golf ball, Merrick Lieser, sophomore, lines up his golf club. Maintaining focus and composure were key to a successful put, Lieser said; Lieser went on to play in Conference where the team got second place. "There was a huge improvement from last to this year," Lieser said.



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NOT ALWAYS UP TO PAR

When time between shots lagged and little action occurred, competition kept players interested

How did you keep golf interesting when you spent long hours practicing on the course?

"I just loved the game and wanted to play it all the time. I didn't have to do anything to keep it interesting because it always presented itself (with) new challenges in the form of different courses and competitors."

"The best way to keep it interesting was to just simply try to have as much fun as you could as well as not getting down on yourself that day if you weren't playing your best."

"On the course, the level of competition was always radiating because everyone wanted to get that spot that is just above them, so practice was always exciting."

MATCH THE RECORD

Girls' Tennis worked hard all season for their 30th consecutive Regional win

Carrying a twenty-nine year winning streak, the Girls' Tennis team entered the Regional competition against their long-time rival, Crown Point, with one task in mind—winning.

"Considering the team won for the past 29 years, it put some pressure on the and the program for its excellence over the years," Caitlyn Knor, senior, said. "It made the girls work harder and more competitively to keep up the Munster tennis reputation."

Singles matches included junior Kaylynn Gruber, freshman Karolina Sroka and sophomore Kelli Canul, while doubles matches included senior Anisha Vavilala with junior Sara Ladd as well as senior Anna Riggs with senior Allison Dinh. After several intense matches against their competitors, the team took the win with a score of 4-1.

"(I was) exhilarated after my partner and I won in one of the closest matches we ever been in," Anisha Vavilala, senior, said. "The team was happy and excited when we won as whole. Crown Point is really strong team so the matches could have gone either way."

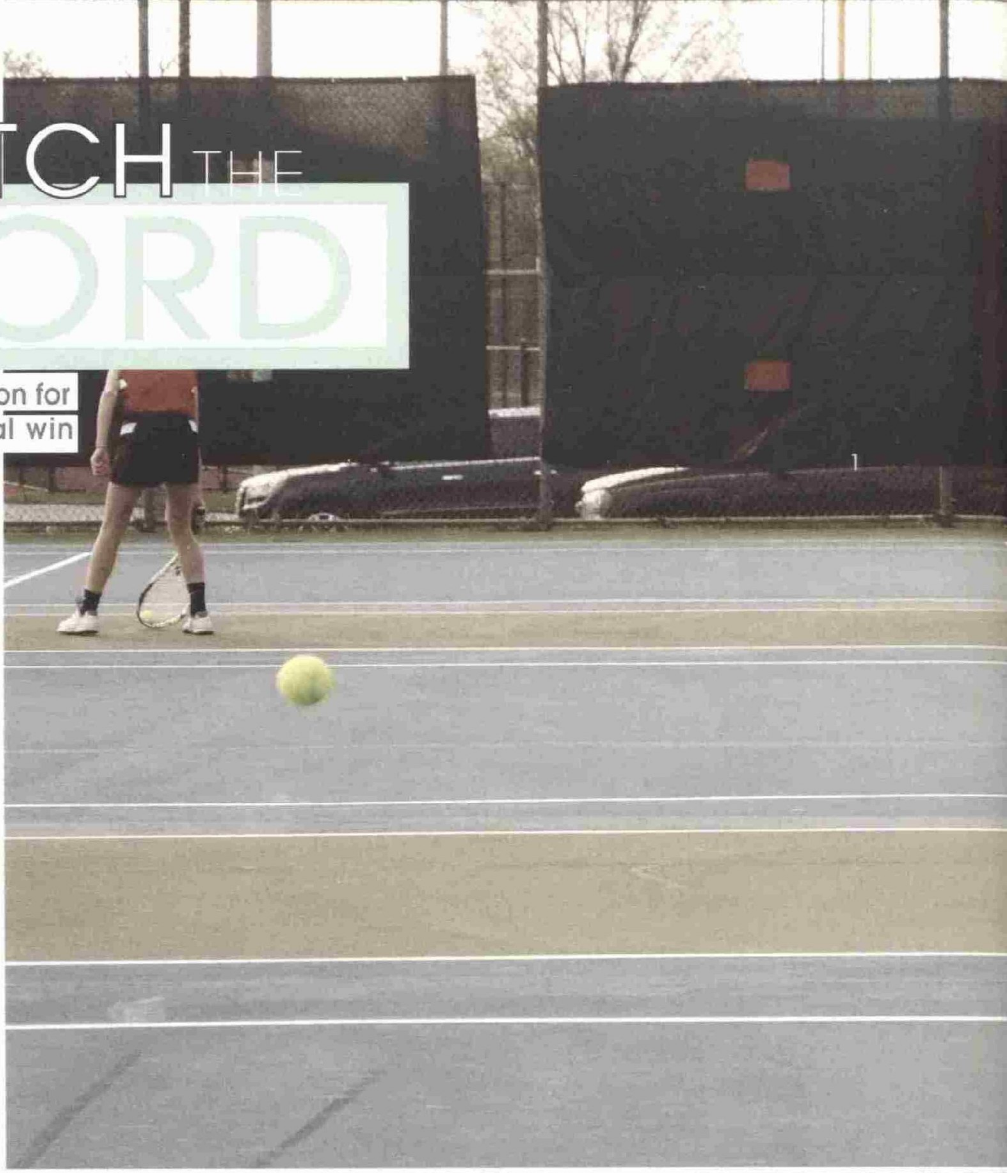
"We put up a really good fight and did not give up easily," Sara Ladd, junior said. "I was very cool to be apart of the 30th Regional title, which was the state record."

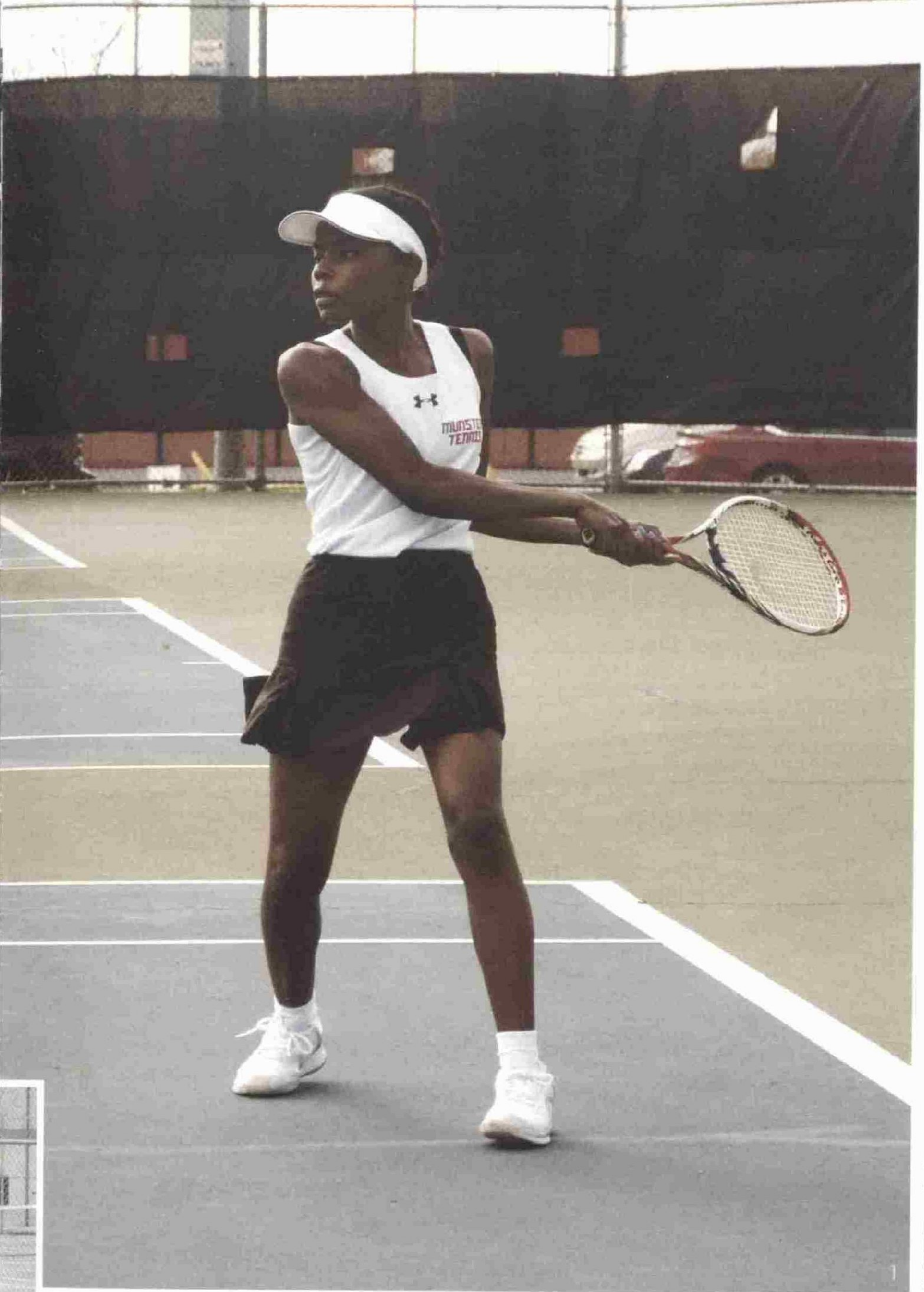
1. SERVING SINCE SEVEN Competing, Kaylynn Gruber, junior, hits a backhand stroke. Gruber has been playing tennis tennis for 10 years. "All of the comradery that I get on the team is the best part," Gruber said.

2. HEADS UP Preparing to hit an overhead at the net, Melissa Franczek, junior, gets in position. She hit the ball back across the court. "When I spot an incoming ball, its important to get in position," Franczek seid.

3. SENIOR NIGHT SINGLES On senior night, Caitlyn Knor, senior, plays one of three singles matches. The match was her first Varsity meet of the season. "I actually dislike single matches, but it was a good match, even though I would often get frustraed at little mistakes," Knor said.

4. FOR THE LOVE OF TENNIS Before entering the base line, Kaylynn Gruber, junior, perfects her groud stroke. Gruber played since age six. "Last year I was number two," Gruber said. "I was number one this year."





ORDER ON THE COURT

Hansa Vavilala, sophomore, and Anisha Vavilala, senior, share tennis advice

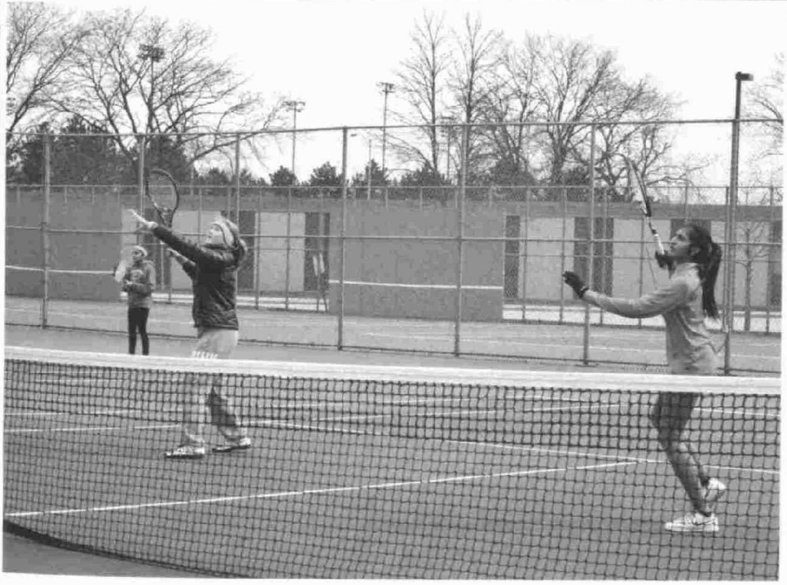
MUNSTER TENNIS

BIT OF ADVICE After a match, Coach Patrick Spohr pulls Hansa Vavilala, sophomore aside. He gave her some advice and pointers on her moves while playing. "Whenever Coach Spohr gives me advice, I always make it a point to work it into a match," Vavilala said.

- "Don't let a [illegible] determine a game, and don't let a bad game determine a match," Anisha Vavilala, senior, said.
- "Play like it's the last time you'll step foot on a court and how to step into a powerful shot" Anisha Vavilala, senior, said.
- "When you're playing tough opponents you have everything to gain and nothing to lose so you might as well [illegible]" Anisha Vavilala, senior, said.
- "Never let our [illegible] on the court whether we are not playing well or not," Hansa Vavilala, sophomore, said.

DOUBLES TROUBLE Practicing overheads, Sara Ladd, junior, and Anisha Vavilala, senior, swing their raquets. On and off season, Ladd and Vavilala practice together. "It is important us to work together so we can get lots of practice under our belt," Vavilala said.

SERVE SWING SMASH Preparing for an incoming ball, Sara Ladd, junior, plans her move. Ladd hit a backhand volley, hitting it back across the court. "In tennis I have to thing fast, so I can plan out how I want to dictate the point," Ladd said.



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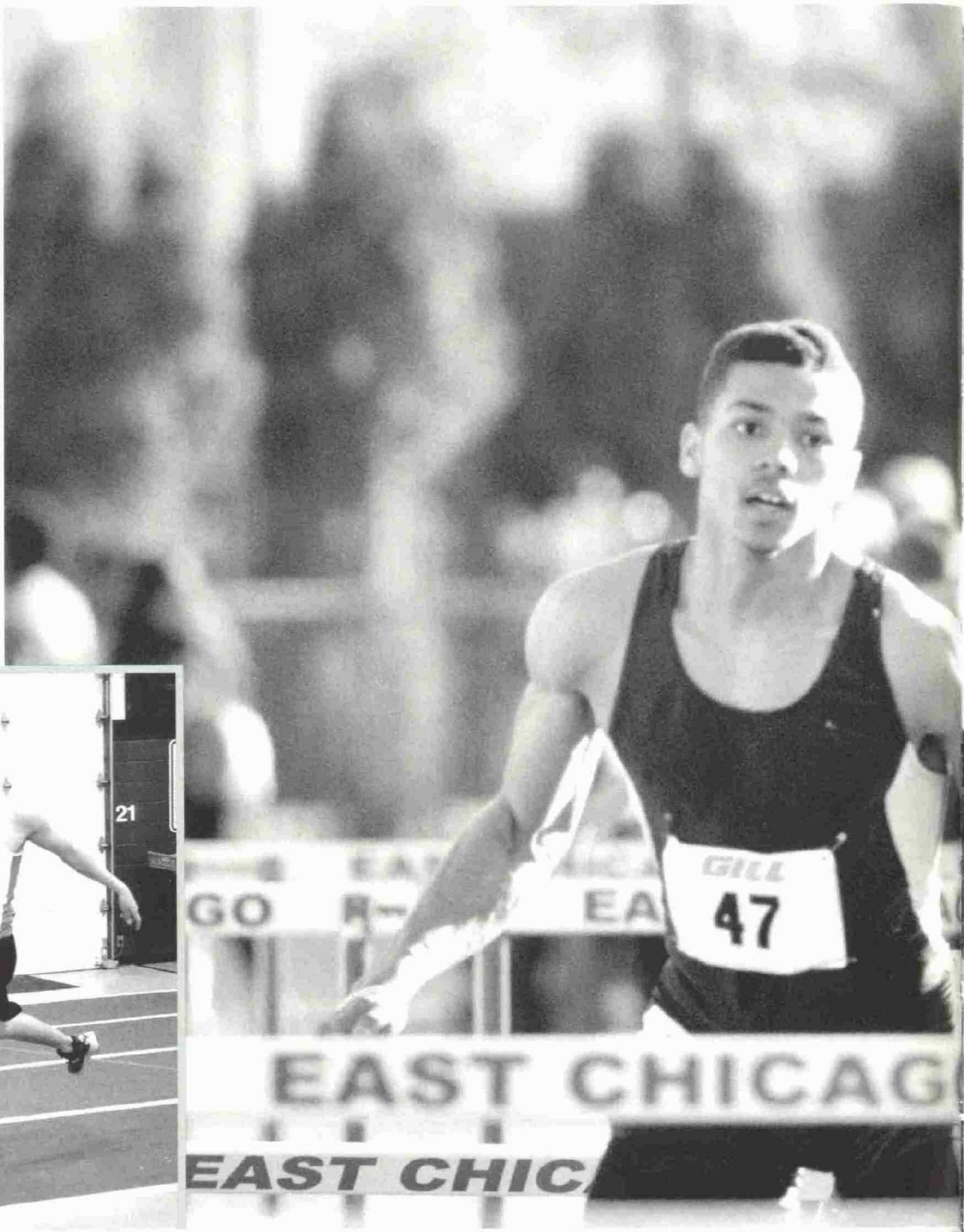

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1. READY, SET, GO Preparing to take-off for his race, Eric Wallace, sophomore, practices his block starts for the 400-meter sprint. Block starts were used by sprinters to get them a head-start in their races. "Before the gun went off, I thought to myself, 'Time to unlock beast mode and get on a new level,'" Wallace said.

2. RELAY THE MESSAGE In the middle of the 4x400-meter relay at the Lowell Invitational meet, Daniel Spencer, senior, passes the baton to Nate Kekelik, sophomore. "We ended up doing really well for it being one of our first meets," Spencer said. "The baton pass-off was the most vital part. If you dropped it, you lost."

3. EYE ON THE CLOCK Before the gun is shot, John Mateja, junior, prepares to start his watch to run in the 800-meter race at the Highland meet. The 800-meter race involves running two laps around the entire track. "Running distance, you needed a lot of motivation," Mateja said. "What kept me motivated was that whatever time I ran, I would run faster at my next meet."

4. THE FINAL STRETCH Before racing at the Lowell and Griffith meet, Danny Stanley, junior, stretches his arms out. Stanley became injured shortly after and sat out for a majority of the season. "It was frustrating being unable to run," Stanley said. "But I still went to every meet to support the guys."

5. CROSSING THE LINE After finishing second in the 100-meter sprint, Miles Barilla, senior, catches his breath past the finish line at the Sectional meet hosted at East Chicago Central. The team won first place overall at the meet. "It was weird because I was used to being able to make up for any mistakes the next year," Barilla said. "But I couldn't; it was my last meet to run."

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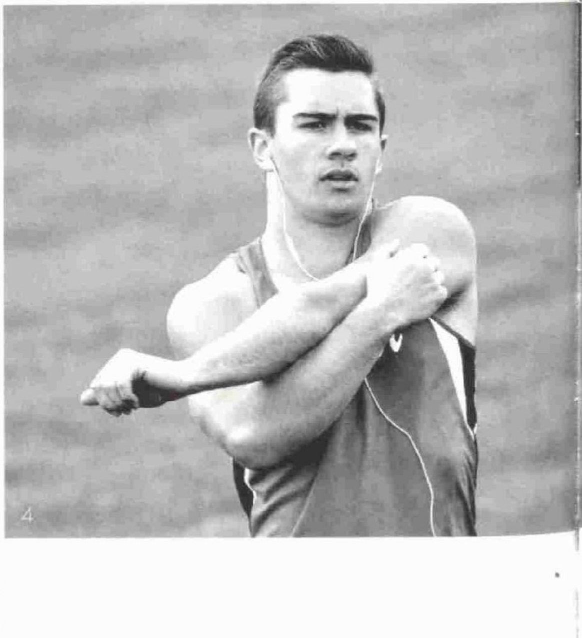

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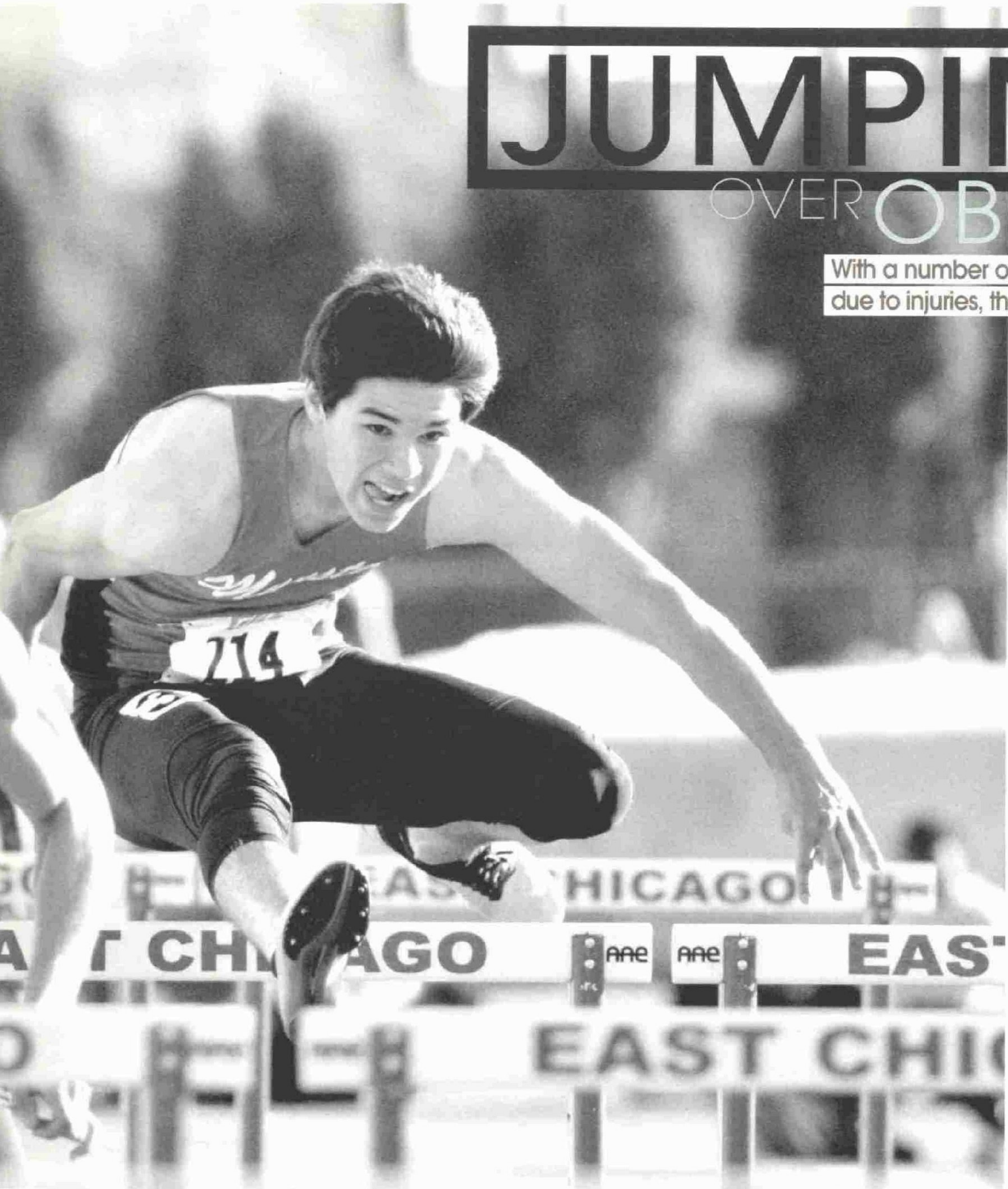
JUMPING OVER OBSTACLES

With a number of varsity runners out for the season due to injuries, the team faced difficulties in scores



Upon the arrival of spring came a new season of opportunity for Boys' Track. Following their successes of the previous year with a heavily-dominated underclassmen team, the prospects of the year looked good. However, after a series of injuries in some of their star competitors, the team faced some major drawbacks.

"A lot of people who were supposed to be really good this year got injured," Jeff Proctor, senior, said.

After straining his hamstring during the 60-meter dash at indoor State in March, Proctor was out for the season. He was a part of the 4x100-meter dash that made it to State last year and was top runner in the 100-meter dash.

"After getting injured, I felt like I let my team down," Proctor said. "I kept going to meets and cheering them on."

Kyle Jen, senior, noticed pain in his leg in some of the first hurdling practices of the season.

"At the Purdue meet, I almost could not even finish my race." Jen said. "Everything after that was basically therapy and trying to heal."

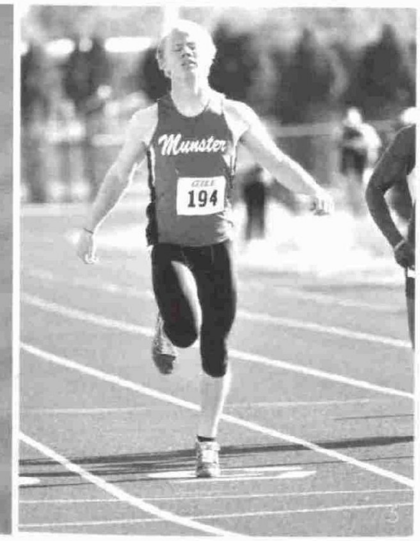
Jen was the top hurdler and ranked in the top three in the region last year for 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles. After tearing his hamstring, he sat out of every outdoor meet until Sectionals.

"The one thing that affected me was not being able to run with my teammates one last time,' Jen said.

In spite of the difficulties, individual members took it upon themselves to make the season successful. Four members went down to Indiana University on June 4 to compete at State: Seniors Theo Burgwald and Tyler Keslin competed in the mile; Antoine Van Dyke, senior, in high jump; and Matt Marcus, junior, in the 400-meter sprint.

"It was a great opportunity to represent the team," Burgwald said. "I wouldn't have been able to do it without (Keslin) and the support."

ONE GIANT LEAP Jumping over hurdles during 60-meter relay at the Sectional meet at East Chicago Central, Eric Salzeider, junior, struggles to catch up to his opponent. He finished in second place. "All I wanted was to beat the record and advance," Salzeider said.



VERY SUPERSTITIOUS

Runners had different superstitions and rituals for their own "good luck"

"I always wear the same socks during meets– my black Nike socks. Obviously I clean them between meets, but it's the same pair." **Matt Marcus, junior**

"Besides always wearing my ugliest socks, before I jump I always do three back-bend toe touches." **Antoine Van Dyke, senior**

"Before every meet, our coach would email us quotes and repeat them throughout the meet." **Nate Kekelik, sophomore**

"I wore the same Nike windbreaker and had a peanut butter bagel before meets." **Theo Burgwald, senior**

1. ONE LAST TIME Up to bat, Madelynn Moore, senior (14) prepared in her stance to hit the ball. "It was my senior year, so every game I knew it was going to be the last time to shine," Moore said.

2. MAKING MEMORIES Dreading going to practices, seniors Kelsie Kasper and Madelynn Moore do their daily warm-ups at all practices. "Nobody on the team liked going to practices, but Coach (Beth) Thornburg, (math teacher) made us work hard and made many memories together," Kasper said.

3. PUSHING THROUGH In the outfield, Kelsie Kasper, senior (15) prepares to catch any ball in the outfield. Versing Joliet was one of their first games. "We really struggled early on, but we pushed through and worked hard," Kasper said.

4. NOTHING TO LOSE Pitching, Amanda Osterhus, senior (16) stroke out her opponents She was focusing on hitting her spots to keep the team off balance. "Since it was my last year, I knew I had to give it my all for each game in order to win," Osterhus said.

5. GET THE JOB DONE Focusing on the pitches from Amanda Osterhus, senior, Melissa McCann, senior (28) attempts not to get any ball past her. "I remember how cold this game was, and I tried to do the best I could," McCann said.

6. HEADING HOME About to score a run for the team, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, junior (30) ran third base to home plate. "I try to have the mind-set throughout the whole game because base running is important because it is time to score a run,"Gilhooly said.

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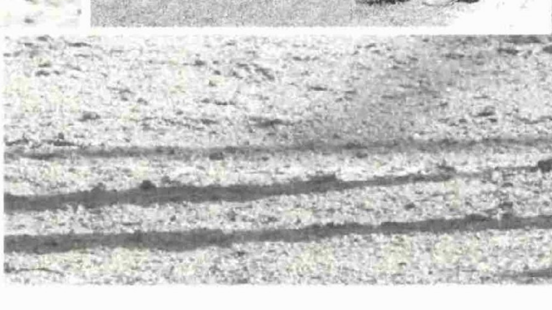


EXPECT
THE UNEXPECTED

Softball took the Sectional title away from Crown Point and won Regionals for the first time in MHS history, which lead them to compete at Semi-state

The crowd was on their feet. Anticipation and humidity hung in the June atmosphere while Amanda Osterhus, senior, stepped onto the mound. This was last play before the history was made. But in that moment, everyone held their breath.

"The last pitch of the Regional game was so intense," Nicole Howard, junior, said. "We were playing Hobart and I remember just pacing back and forth waiting for Mandy (Osterhus) to throw the pitch, and when she did then the game was over and I ran into my first baseman's arms screaming, 'We are going to Semi-state!'"

Softball was the first softball team in school history to go to Semi-state June 6. The team had a long and difficult road, playing competitors like Crown Point in Sectionals and Hobart in Regionals and finally Leo and Penn in Semi-State.

The intensity in Regionals was nothing compared to the pressure the team faced in their first round against Leo.

"The first game against Leo was intense. I think most of us were shaking," Howard said. "We had never played this team before but Coach (Beth) Thornburg (math teacher) did everything she could to make sure we had the best chance of beating this team."

The team pulled through with a rocky beginning of back-and-forth scoring until Howard hit a line drive up the center scoring two runs in the fifth inning, resulting in a 3-1 win. The team faced Penn in the Semi-State Championship.

"For Penn, we were the home team and the first inning they got a couple runs," Howard said. "Then, the next inning they got a couple more. At that point, we just wanted to have fun together and cherish what was going to be our last game."

With the pressure off, the team's seniors embraced their last few plays.

"There was no pressure," Melissa McCann, senior, said. "We had nothing to lose, we weren't expecting to make it that far so we were just having a good time playing Softball. I honestly have no regrets at all, we played with our hearts that night. I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my senior year."

When the scoreboards were cleared and the dust settled, the team went home with a loss, but they will carry memories of an unforgettable season.

"(Penn) was the right team that night," McCann said. "I have made so many memories with this team that I will carry forever. I'll tell my grandkids about how my team made history as the first to go to Semi-State. I still get goosebumps thinking about those games with my team: it is a memory I will cherish forever. Win or lose, it truly was amazing."

TAKING THE FLOOR

Early mornings, late nights and long summer practices prepared Varsity Dance for their season

The sound of cheering flooded the room, spot lights illuminated the stage and a castle stood tall behind the Varsity Dance as they stepped on stage to perform at Nationals in Disney World. After competing against 44 teams in Pom and Jazz, the girls placed 14th for their Pom routine, advancing them to semi-finals.

"Pom was always our strongest dance because we had a lot of fun performing it," Katie Weining, senior, said. "It had similar styles every year so it was easier for us to adapt to a new routine each year and look the same. For Jazz, we change our styles every year which it made it more difficult for us to adapt and catch on."

However, after their second year of making it to Nationals, the team knew what to expect when they stepped out on the stage.

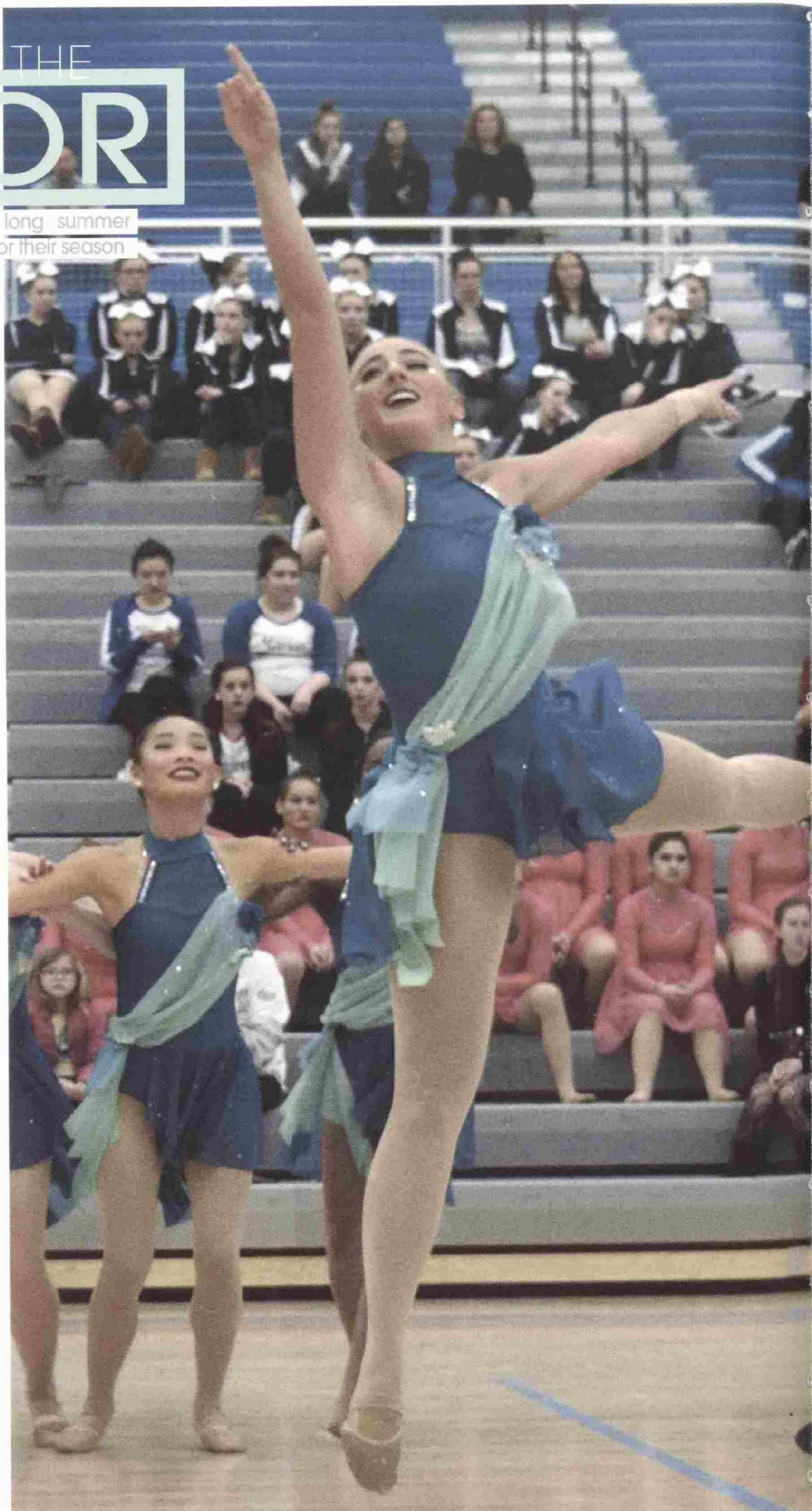
"We had to be really committed and make sure that everything that needed to be fixed before our performance was perfected," Sugar Fane, junior, said. "We were very fortunate to get the opportunity (to perform at Disney). It was very nerve-wracking knowing there were multiple rounds you had to advance through to make it to finals."

With an array of injuries causing minor set-backs in the girl's competition season, they found ways to overcome the obstacles before Nationals.

"It was difficult because we had to teach two alternates from JV for both dances a week before Nationals, but we were able to pull it together," Weining said.

Although the team experienced set-backs, they did not let that hinder their drive nor their spirit according to Jackie Dye, senior.

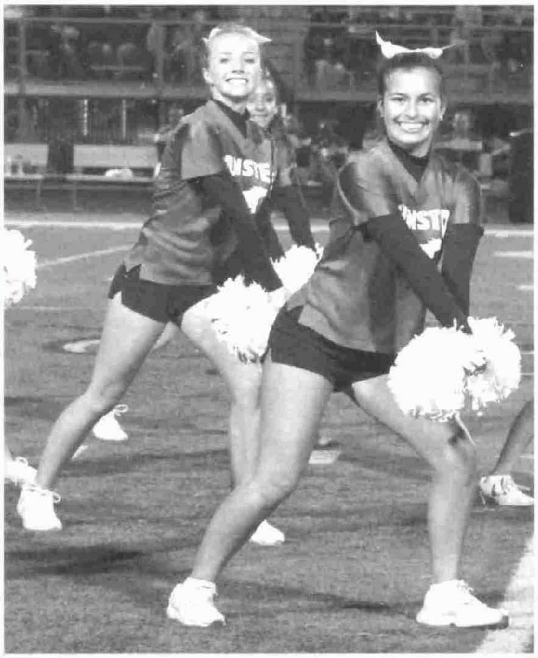
"We always had a great time performing and just being together at practices," Dye said. "It was a great year and a great way to spend my last year on the team."

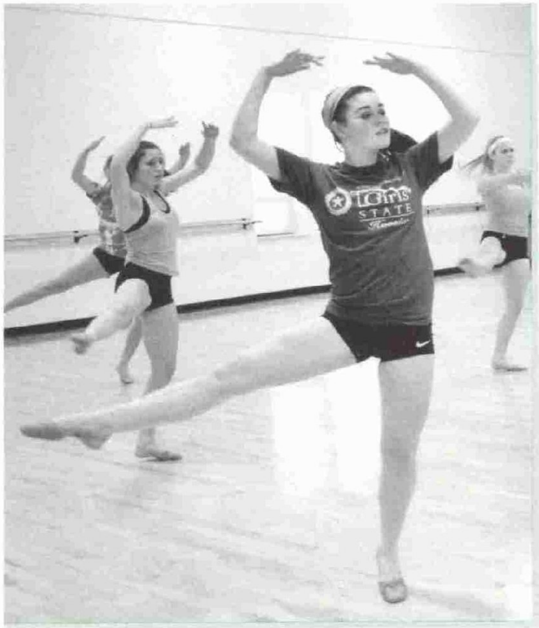


IN THE MOMENT Inches off the ground, Jackie Dye, senior, performs in Jazz during Regionals at Lake Central. "Jazz and lyrical were my favorite types of dance because they were the most expressive and they allowed me to dance through my emotions," Dye said.

UNZIPPED Take a look inside the dance bag of Varsity dancer, Mary Kate Pruzin, junior

Competition Makeup
MARY KATE
MVD
Practice Attire
MINSTER DANCE TEAM
Lotion for Competitions
bodycology
Dance Shoes





TAKING THE FIELD Poms in hand, Skyler Gronkiewicz, junior, and Katie Weining, senior, perform during the Homecoming football game. "I liked performing at the games because they were stress free and it was fun to dance in front of an energetic crowd," Weining said.

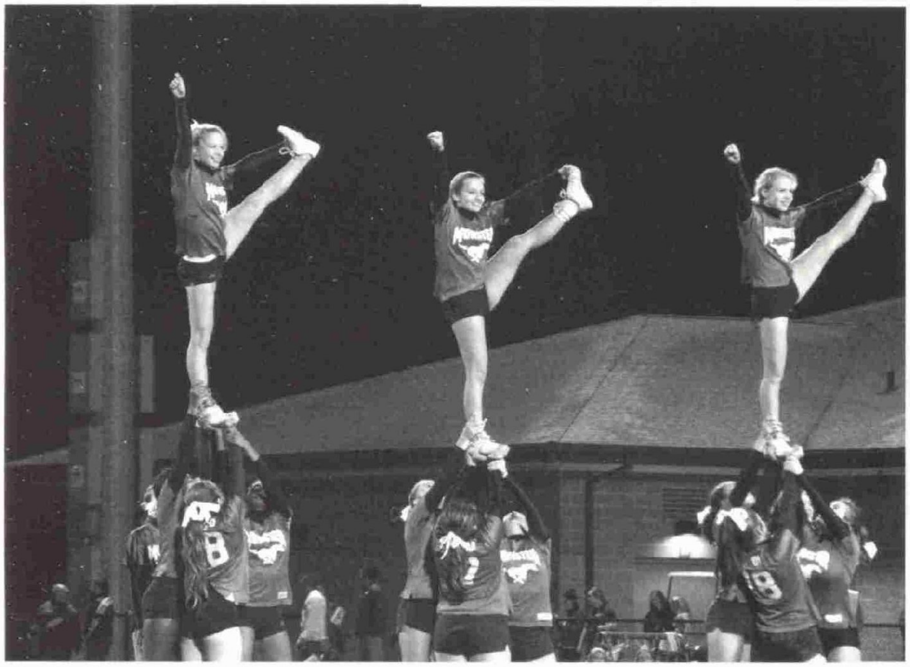
GET TO THE POINT As she practices the teams' Jazz dance, Stephanie Vjestica, junior, holds her form. "The last two weeks before State, we changed our whole routine with a new song and choreography," Vjestica said. "It took a lot of practice to perfect but we did it."

TOGETHER AS ONE The girls finish off their Regional Jazz performance in the dance room with a pose that reflects the emotions from their dance. "My favorite part about performing Jazz was knowing that my team worked very hard and was able to learn a new dance in a week," Sugar Fane, junior, said.

[illegible] During dance practice, Mary Kate Pruzin, junior, works on her fouette, a common jazz turn that requires multiple turns at one time, for their upcoming competition season. "In our dances, we all had to make sure the whole team was turning in unison with the same form," Pruzin said.

CHEERING AWAY On the far left doing a leg hold while flying at the football game, Emily Zellinger, junior, adapted to the the new routines. "Football season was especially hard because our coach was still new to us," Zellinger said. "But eventually we got used to it and had a good season."

PIPE IT UP Cheering at a basketball game, Brittney Lee, junior, adjusted to new coaching styles for the season. The change for certain cheers was significant, but strengthed the team. "Basketball season for me was fun," Lee said. "My favorite part was learning new stunts that we performed in between quarters."



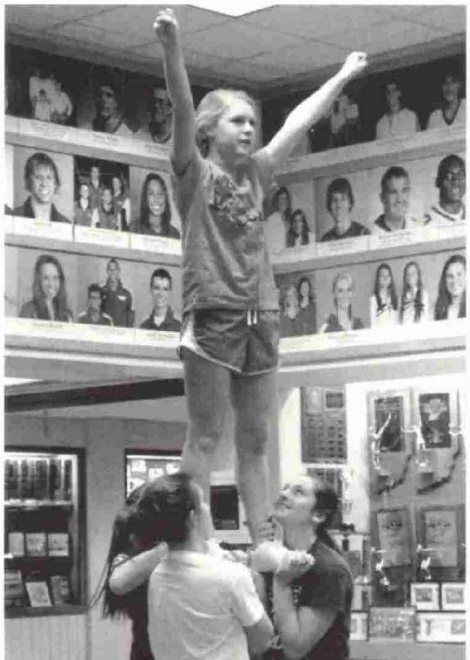
LIFE OF A FLYER

BEING TOSSED IN THE AIR HAD CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

"Being a flyer means locking every part of your body and staying completely strong in your legs. At the same time it is important to scan the crowd to get everyone pumped."

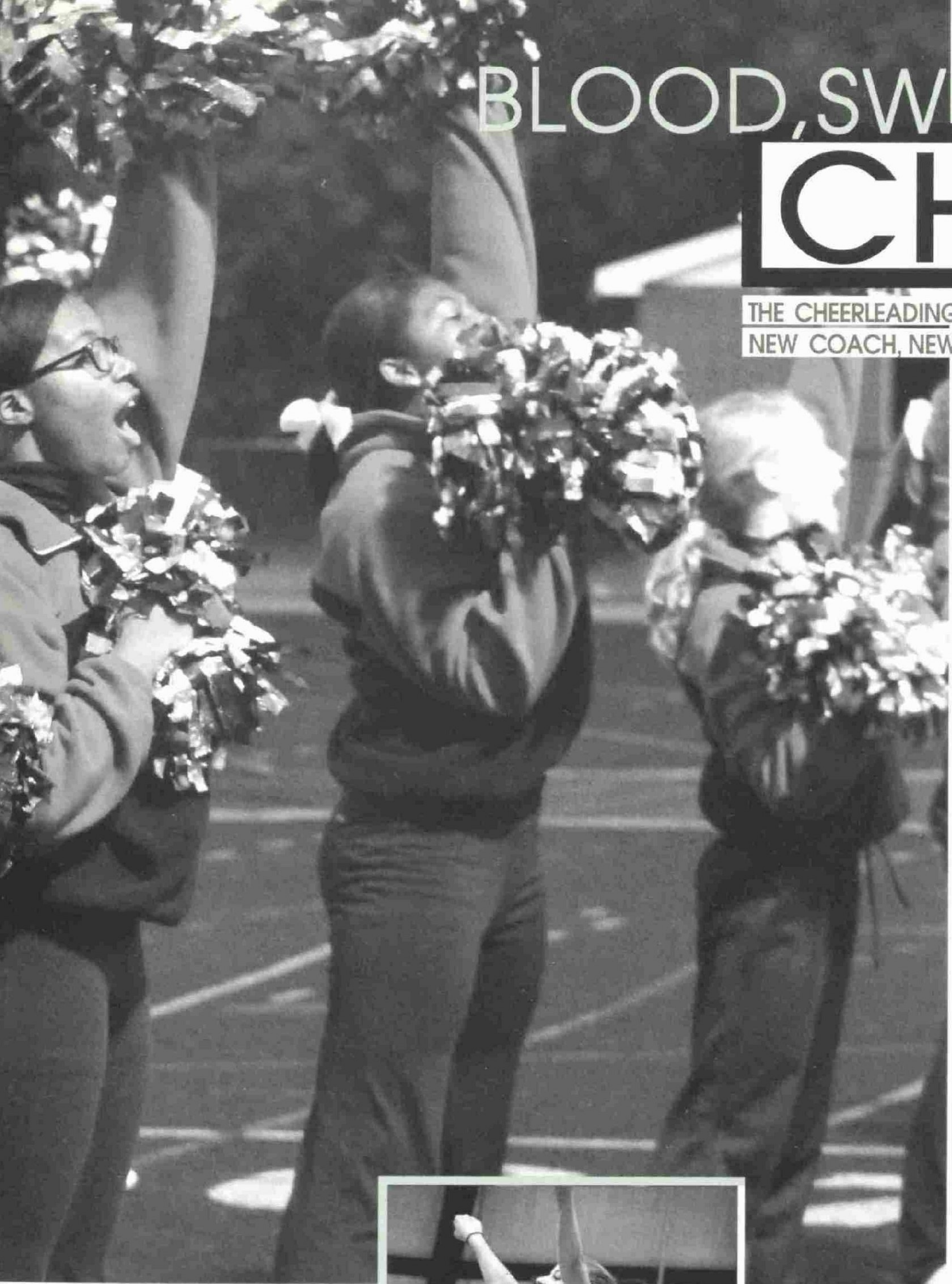
- Thalia Chioros, sophomore

- PUMP UP THE CROWD
- STRONG ARMS
- PERSERVERING
- BALANCE
- TRUST
- CHEERFULNESS
- LOUD VOICE



BLOOD, SWEAT AND CHEERS

THE CHEERLEADING TEAM ADAPTED TO THE CHANGES OF A NEW COACH, NEW ROUTINES AND NEW SEASON



In the beginning of the school year, it was unclear whether the cheerleaders would even have a team, since they had no coach, according to Khalehla Strong, senior. Luckily, they received a new coach, Ms. Latoya Tyson, who decided the year would be dedicated to focusing only on new techniques, stunts and routines. With a new coach, it brought on new changes.

"This season was definitely different with our new coach, but I think the change was for the better," Hannah Zaremba, junior said. "It allowed us to come out of our comfort zone."

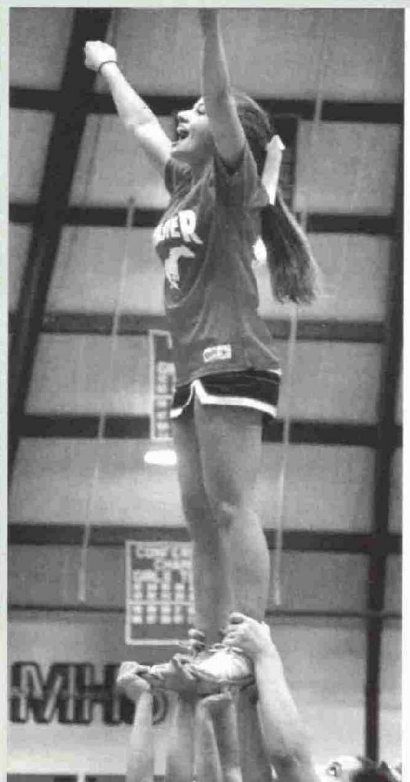
The girls put all their effort in the game dances for football and basketball season. The team was thankful their new coach came in when she did, according to Gwynn Hammermeister, sophomore, because of the strict focus of what the coach changed.

"The new changes our new coach made, made us better as a team," Hammermeister said. "Everything that was new this year was definitely positive for us."

The big adjustment from going to the old coach to the new coach, was more about getting comfortable with her as a person, according to Strong.

"Our new coach is way harder on us and efficient to get our routines done," Strong said. "We are so lucky to have such a good coach who is so focused on making us a better team."

CHEER IT LOUDER Cheering at a football game, Thalia Chioros, sophomore, Britney Lee, junior, and Khalehla Strong, senior perform their cheers. "I loved being able to perform our new routines at halftime," Strong said. "It made football games the most fun."



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Practicing flying, Tessa Bales, junior, adjusted her arms. The team was constantly learning new routines and techniques at practice throughout the season. "I honestly think this past year although difficult at times, really made us better as a team," Bales said.

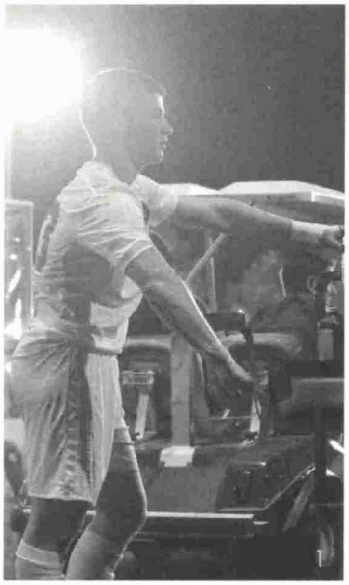
STUNTIN' UP Putting in hard work as a base, Hannah Zaremba, junior, holds steady with the new routines and stunts as she throws her teammates in the air. All the changes brought new challenges to the team, according to Zaremba. "Basketball season is the best," Zaremba said. "We enjoy the excitement that basketball season brings."

[illegible] Yelling a cheer at a basketball game, Thalia Chioros, sophomore, pumped up the crowd. Performing routines for the crowd was exciting with the new routines they wanted to show off, according to Chioros. "I love flying and performing our cool stunts at big games to excite the crowd," Chioros said.

1. THE LOWER HAND After having a previous wrist injury, Brandon Winter, senior, waits on the sideline after re-injuring it during the soccer game against Highland. He kept it wrapped throughout his games before and after. "I made a slide tackle to save a goal and hit a patch of dry dirt," Winter said. "I wouldn't have come off, but referees make you if you're bleeding."

2. THAT'S A WRAP As a student trainer, Meagan Thornburg, sophomore, wraps up sophomore Amy Koniewski's shoulder after having a sore shoulder. My role and importance to the athletic department is helping our head trainer (Ms. Mary Spina), and making sure everything goes as smoothly as possible," Meagan said. "We try to make athletes have success without getting hurt."

3. HITTING A CRUTCH Walking off an injury, Jajuan Cooper, junior, walks alongside teammate Danny Stanley, junior, at a home track meet after injuring his ankle. "Running at full speed was always taking a risk," Cooper said. "But getting injuries was just a part of being an athlete. Things heal, and you're back out."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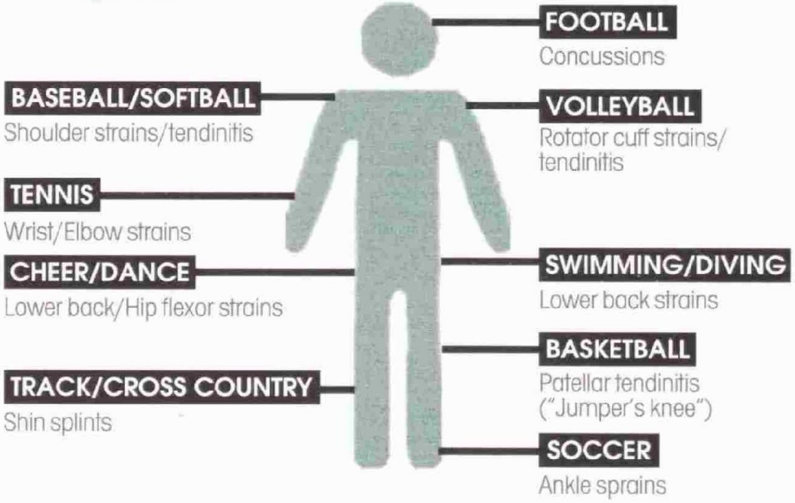
Athletic trainer Ms. Mary Spina described the most common injuries she saw in certain sports



FOOTBALL
Concussions

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
Shoulder strains/tendinitis

VOLLEYBALL
Rotator cuff strains/tendinitis

TENNIS
Wrist/Elbow strains

CHEER/DANCE
Lower back/Hip flexor strains

SWIMMING/DIVING
Lower back strains

BASKETBALL
Patellar tendinitis ("Jumper's knee")

TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY
Shin splints

SOCCER
Ankle sprains

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THROW IN THE TOWEL

Athletes faced time on the sidelines and in the training room away from playing their sports due to injuries

Being an athlete meant more to than just practicing, playing and teamwork—it meant sacrifice. Athletes themselves dealt with sacrifices when it came to giving up their time to practice every day or giving up every last ounce of effort they had in a game; but they also sacrificed their health and bodies. As a result in some cases, this particular sacrifice wounded up in consequences that often kept athletes from participating in the sport they loved.

No stranger to injuries, Isabella Landeck, freshman, played softball, cheerleading and gymnastics. However, injuries in her knees due to overuse kept her from returning to cheerleading. At softball practices, Isabella laced up two mid-calf to mid-thigh braces.

"I have broken my nose, moved a bone in my back and sprained my ankle," Landeck said. "But my knees were the most lasting; it felt like someone was taking a hammer to them everyday."

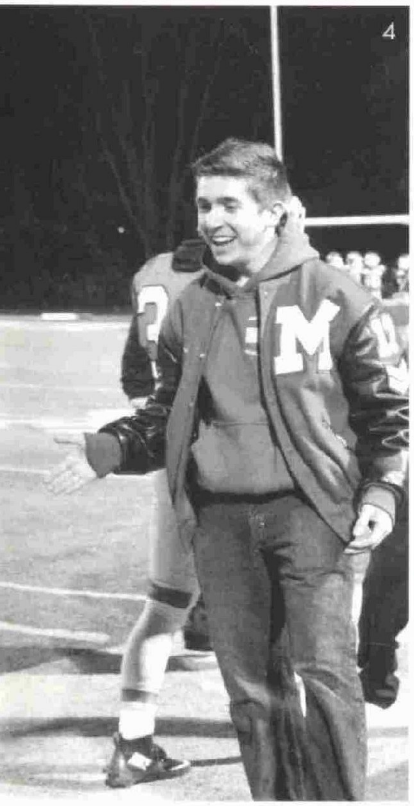
Landeck was not the only one who had to sit on the sidelines watching her team. Tyler Zabrecky, freshman, spent the last few games of his first year on the JV Basketball team pushing ice packs against his knees when a stress fracture occurred in his shin.

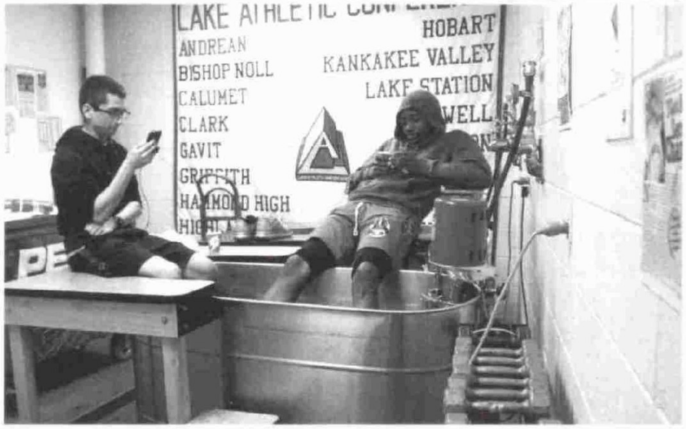
"It wasn't an accident, it was just over-used," Zabrecky said. "I got the injury from playing too much, and it ended up keeping me out of the game for ten weeks so I could heal."

In between fall soccer and spring track seasons, Cami Kekelik, junior, participated in a recreational indoor soccer league for fun. However, the fun resulted in an injury that would affect her future for the next few months: a tear in her ACL.

"I hadn't really had a serious injury," Kekelik said. "The worst part wasn't not being able to compete, but just not being able to get away. I used sports as a stress relief, so I felt trapped."

DOCTOR, DOCTOR In charge of helping out the student athletes, Ms. Mary Spina, athletic trainer, helps freshman Laila Khani's sore foot. Laila had tendonitis in her foot during the first few practices of the track season. "Your feet dictate everything on up," Ms. Spina said. "Everyone needed a foundation to walk on, especially when most sports consisted of a lot of running."





4. THE SIDELINE STUD While on the sidelines of the Lowell football game, Danny Zuccarelli, junior, high fives Justin Goshen, junior, as he walks by. Zuccarelli worked as a student trainer and often sat on the sidelines cheering on the team and helping any injuries. "I was at a lot of the football games giving out water to the players to make sure they stayed hydrated," Zuccarelli said.

5. JUST COOLIN' IT Hanging out in the ice bath, Hunter Small, junior, and Jaden Warner, freshman, rest up their ankles during track practice. Athletes spent intervals before, after and during practice icing their injuries and relaxing. "Ice baths were something you had to get used to," Warner said. "The more you did it, the less it hurt, though."

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We made our way to Munster Donut, hoping the donuts on a stick were not sold out. We eagerly waited as we watched the Starbucks on Calumet be built brick-by-brick. We stood outside of Fro-yo's new location, rain or shine, in order to get our favorite Shake-It and we rushed to Whole Foods to buy fresh sushi and fruit smoothies for an after school snack.

We opened our yearbooks and immediately went to the index, in search of the pages we were featured on. We laughed at each others' baby pictures on the senior ads, chubby cheeks and outfits our parents forced us to wear.

We made our mark as we finally received our license after we spent hours at Certified Driving School. We made our mark when we aced our Calculus test after weekly 12 a.m. tutor sessions at Academic Point.

We complained about how boring our town was, but in the end, all of these little moments were pivotal in shaping us as individuals, as classmates, as friends, as a school.

HOME GROWN Sitting in Munster Donut on Calumet Ave., seniors Alexia Baraza, Austin Klawitter and Collin Sharpe support local businesses as they take time out of their day to enjoy an array of home-made donuts. Munster Donut was a popular bakery amongst student becase it was open 24 hours. "Eating at local places like Muster Donut just really helps you connect to the area you're from and always makes you feel at home." Alexia said.

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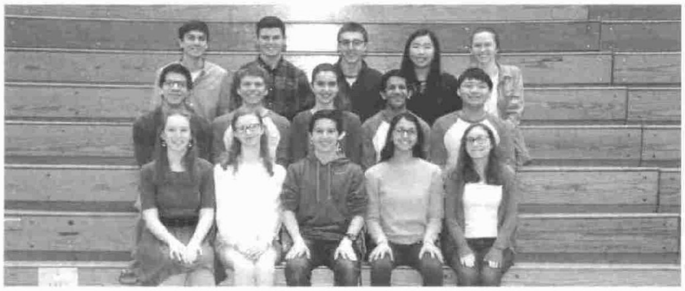
Academic Superbowl



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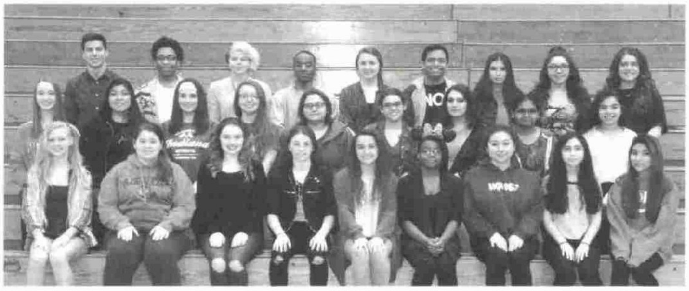

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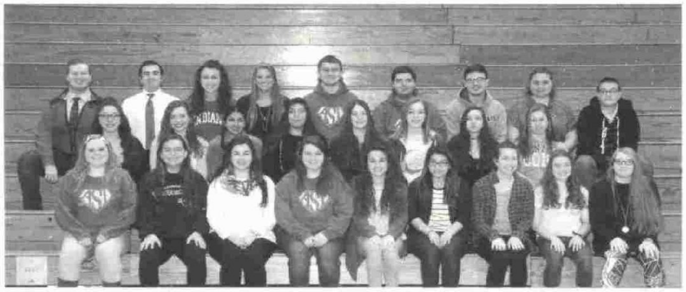

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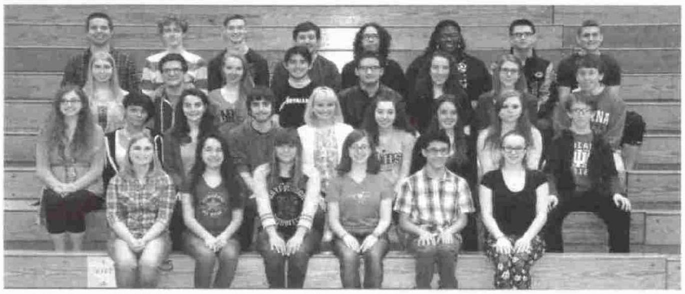

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Best Buddies

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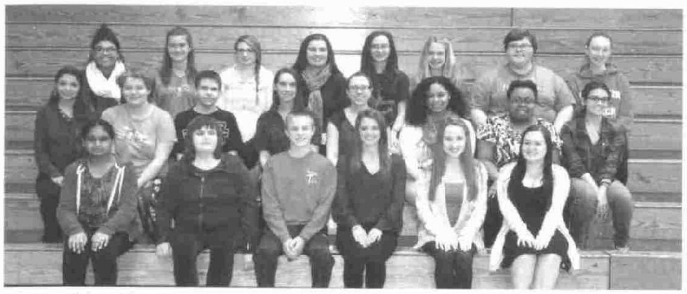

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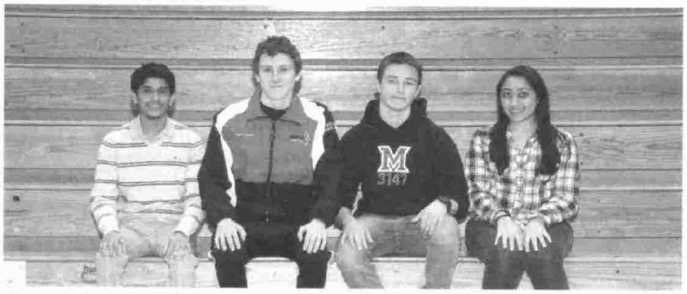
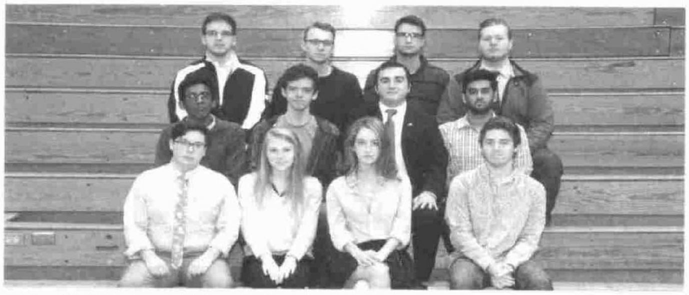


Chess Club *(front row)* Sunny Patel, Dakota Gronkiewicz, Zack Montes, Perima Shah

Civics Club



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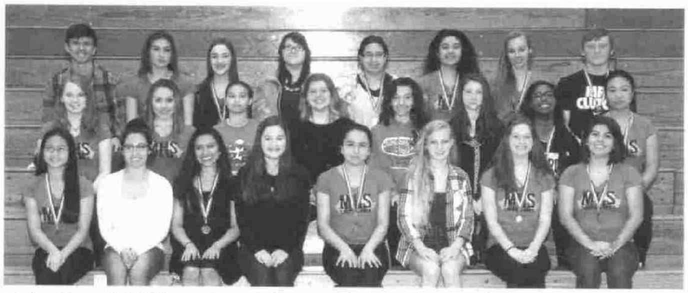

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Creative Writing Club

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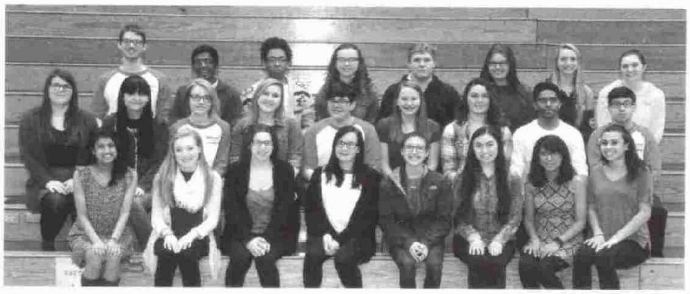

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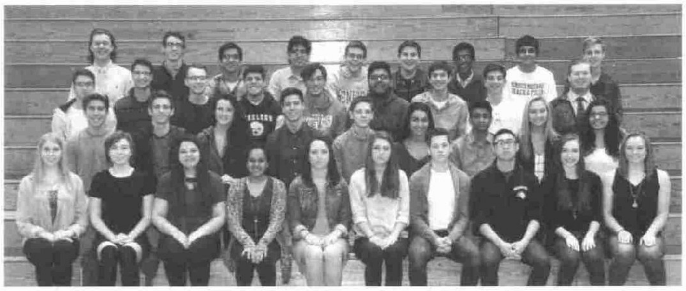

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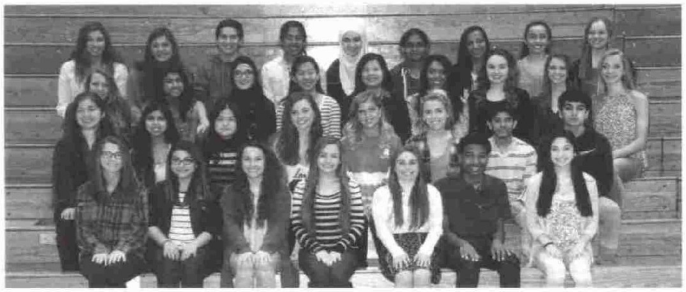

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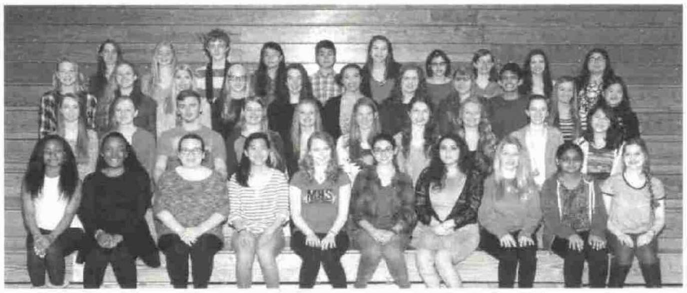

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Freshman CEC

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GSA

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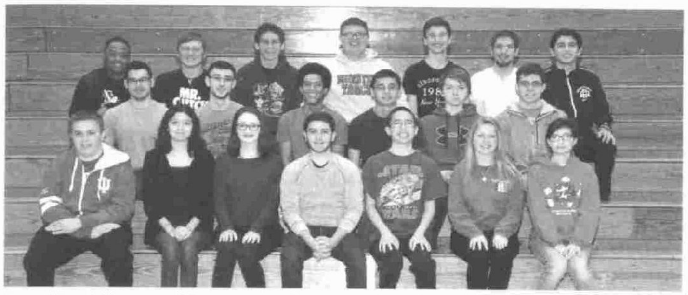

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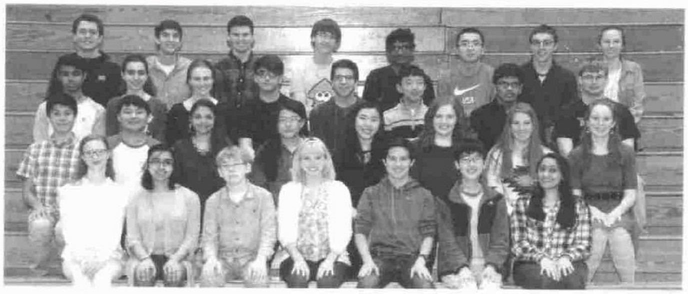

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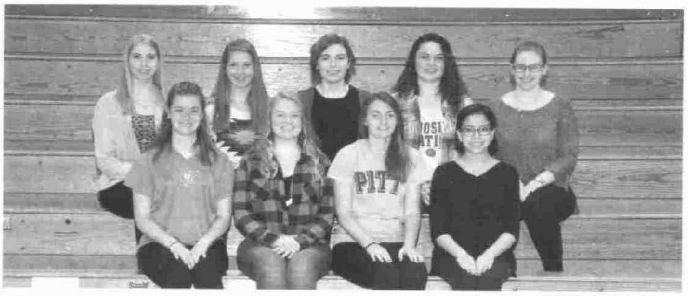

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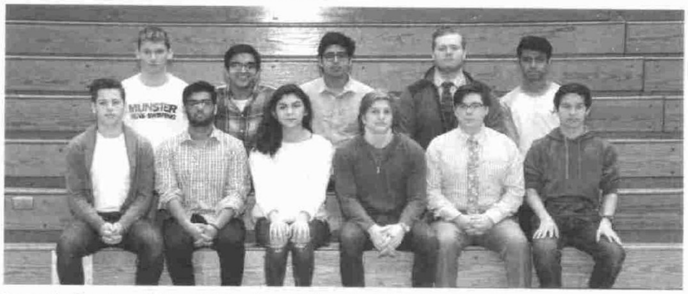

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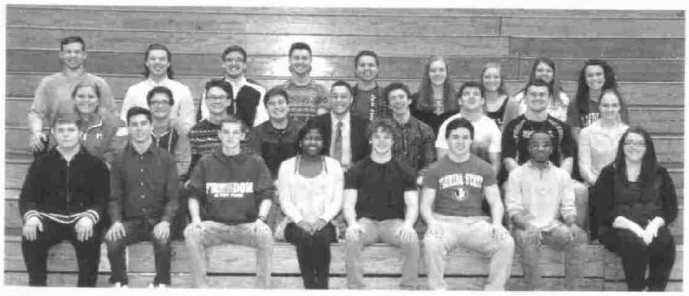
Link Crew



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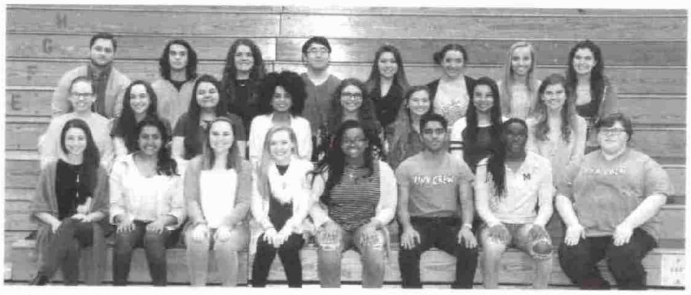

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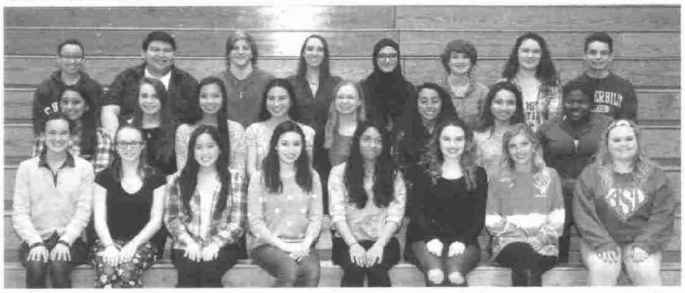

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Marching Band

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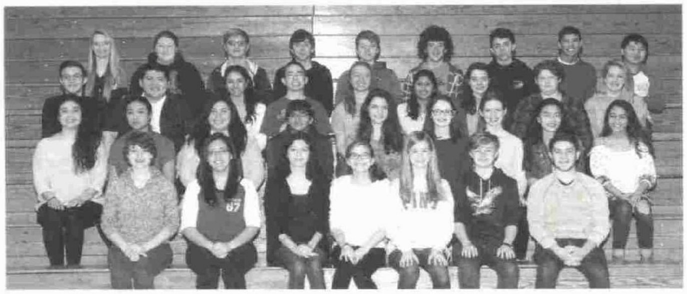

Marching Band *(front row)* Annie Phelps, Erin Crawford, Serena Alvarez, Milena Trivunovic, Emma Higgason, Katya Hoogewerf, Jake Yalwitz *(second row)* Briana Lopez, Mei Brasel, Dara Medina, Jonathan Herrera, Taylor Fishman, Catie Gilhooly, Paige Payne, Nicole Wu, Jasmine Toor *(third row)* Jason Stout, Leo Ortiz, Genesis Tienstra, David Cohen, Emma Stevens, Aneri Patel, Jenna Cappo, Lillie Cockrum, Arlee O'Shaughnessy *(back row)* Summer Witvoet, Caitlin Fitch, Ilija Manojlovic, Michael Parobek, Daniel Kapitan, Matthew Levin, David Suarez, Joey Baeza, Evan Dong

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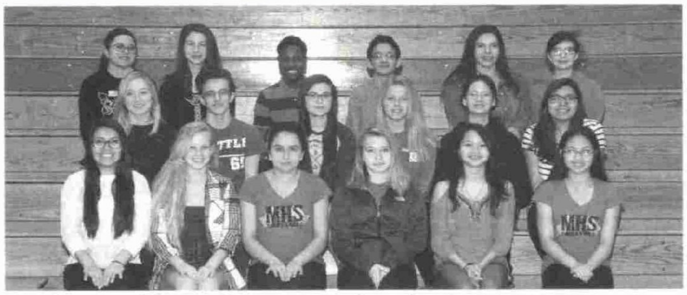

Marching Band *(front row)* Viviana Gonzales, Kelsey Pappas, Monica Herrera, Mallory Tokowitz, Bryanna Pastrana, Arianne Sadural *(second row)* Delaney Mendez, James Salisbury, Hannah Juarez, Kara Bryant, Ferrance Mittleberger, Lauren Ruiz *(back row)* Haley Hensley, Isabella Buono, DeAndre Christian, Nick Ylo, Eviana Rubio, Katie Dwyer

Men's Ensemble (SING)

Men's Ensemble *(front row)* Isaac Luehrs, Ben Peters, James Han, Frank Storino *(back row)* Antoine Van Dyke, Jonathan Neeley, Richard Caraher, James Sroge, Elliott Fus

Munster Theatre Company

Munster Theatre Company *(front row)* Ben Peters, Matt Nahnsen, Richard Drwiega, Matthew McCraw, James Han, Evan Dong, Silvia Lombardo, Sierra Gronkiewicz *(second row)* Jari Martinez, Cali Grzybowski, Lane Terry, Madison Dinga, Daniel Cappo, Kimberly Giannini, Isaac Luehrs, Zoe O'Dea *(third row)* Sarah Seaman, Matthew Klys, Jeremiah Eaton, Logan Hoskins, Caleb Davies, Marshay Neely, Anna Bilse, Hunter Ward *(back row)* Cody Reinsma, Trey DeLuna, Jonathan Neely, Stevie McDunn, Bradley Goralczyk, Richard Caraher, Joey McCraw, James Sroge, Elliott Fus

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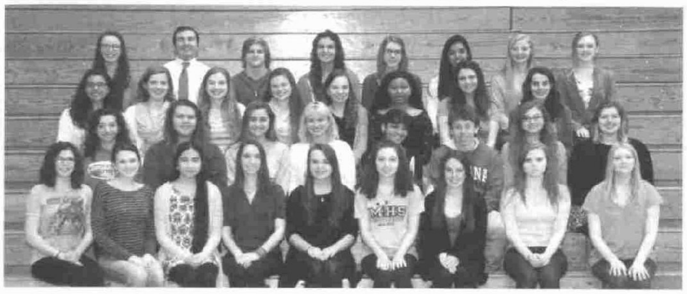

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Munster Theatre Company

Munster Theatre Company *(front row)* Ani Arzumanian, Veronica Casillas, Jamie McDowell, Joseph Bellahcen, Camille Jancosek, Hannah Levy, Sydney Hamill *(second row)* Tatiana Shinkan, Eveen Haddad, Shannon Hocker, Olivia Hesterman, Vanessa Pascual, Kelly Collins, Samantha Alexiou, Chloe Jancosek *(back row)* David Green, Christina Sanchez, Jillian Dixon, Alexandria Bleza, Ethan Levy, Alexia Calderon, Frank Storino, Mariah Villaroman

National Honors Society

National Honors Society *(front row)* Michale DeLong, Rebecca Sendejas, Journey Westfield, Shandan Johnson, Alexia Calderon, Ruhani Sansoya, Cecilia Zavala *(second row)* Caitlin Fitch, Julia Chael, Qionte Johnson, Michelle Weller, Jessica Pazik, Amy McDunn, Dara Medina *(back row)* Antoine Van Dyke, Jonathan Neeley, Patrick Marsh, Aditya Mishra, Daniel Soeka, Alexandru Kirr, Anthony Zmuda

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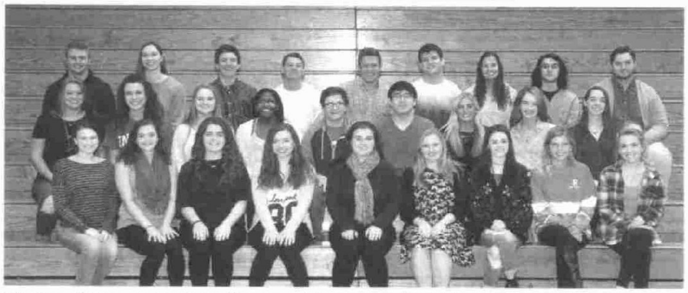

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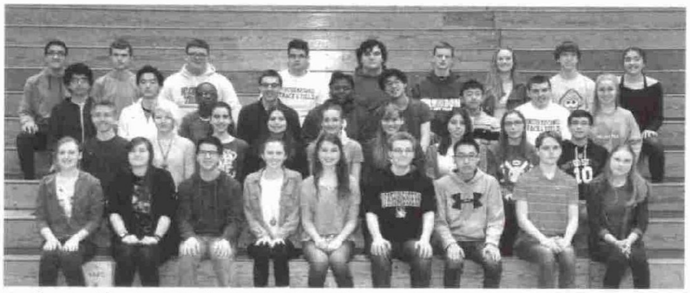
National Honors Society

National Honors Society *(front row)* Jill Ylo, Camryn Fary, Savannah Shaver, Dylan Goodman, Charlene Cortez, Maggie Anderson, Vishva Maniar, Allison Dinh *(second row)* Austin Klawitter, Vivian Reba, Julia Chael, Bridget Caraher, Tyler Keslin, Avi Patel, Meena Kandallu, Lydia Zheng, Laila Nawab *(back row)* Arlo Detmer, Abbey Kapitan, Lucas Newell, Julia Torres, Camden Seput, Brad Sikora, Arielle Crowe, Emily Wierman, Claire Svoboda

Orchestra



Orchestra *(front row)* Lydia Smith, Molly Korman, Anthony Zmuda, Julia Chael, Emma Hand, Max Servi, Guhao Chen, Michael Archer, Kayla Warner *(second row)* Matt Nahnsen, Chloe Moffett, Kali Konstantinopoulos, Matilde Nelson, Molly Dolan, Rebecca Dodgson, Emilee Cobb, Madison Erke, Ben Rasamiman *(third row)* Adonis Guillen, Josh Kim, Khaleel Igue, Daniel Soeka, Kayla Williams, Patrick Wu, Jonathan Dinh, Jonah Clark, Paige Kessler *(back row)* Seshan Devanathan, Jack Jones, Andrew Rapata, William Latinovich, Patrick DeJarlais, Zachary Geron, Katie Dodgson, Evan Krieg, Miranda Adams

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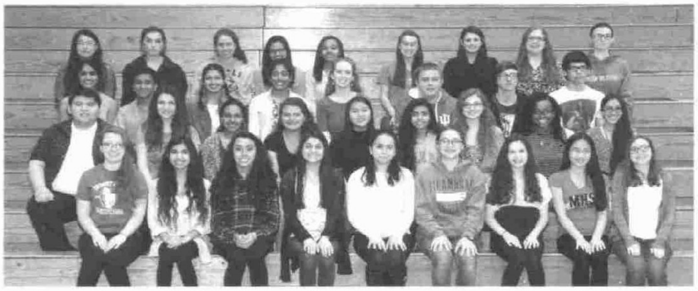


Orchestra *(front row)* Clara Kopacz, Ruhani Sensoya, Cecilia Zavala, Lauryn Nunez, Monica Herrera, Michaela Marcotte, Lissette Araya, Arianne Sadural, Danielle DeCesaris *(second row)* Leo Ortiz, Taylor Fishman, Ravani Sansoya, Alex Campbell, JiYoon Lee, Aarju Patel, Amy McDunn, Journey Westfield, Izzy Malagon *(third row)* Hansa Vavilala, Shrayas Iyer, Vishva Maniar, Saveda Majety, Mackinzie Farnell, Jeremy Murphy, Ethan Witt, Joshua Ruiz *(back row)* Tiffany Wang, Diana Ortiz, Audrey Stooksbury, Megha Patil, Leah Alicea, Nicole Jen, Aleksandra Manojlovic, Haleigh Gronwold, Melina Banaszak

Paragon

Paragon *(front row)* Maria Kyriakos, Lexie Lyons, Micala Boyd, Therese Capriglione, Nicole Roberts *(back row)* Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Emma Trivunovic, Julia Swibes, Rachel Bishop, Mia Castro, Sidney Milne, Elizabeth Fonseca

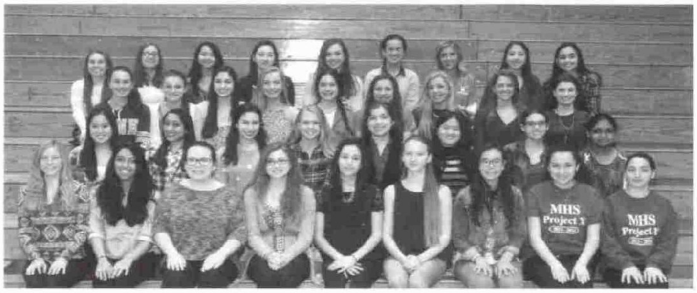
Ping Pong Club

Ping Pong Club *(front row)* Audrey Stooksbury, Erin Gonzales, Maggie Anderson, Jill Ylo, Ally Szakacs *(second row)* Brad Sikora, Griffin Broviak, Nick Larson, Maverick Broviak *(back row)* Andrew Zwakowski, Lucas Newell, Blake Newton, Ben Peters, Adam Reinsma

Poetry Club

Poetry Club *(front row)* Shanna Klisser, Shandan Johnson, Alexia Calderon, Danie Oberman *(second row)* Molly Korman, Chufan Gao, Julia Janik, Stephanie Patterson *(back row)* Antonio Presutti, Cameron Singleton, John Knight, Ian Brundige

Project X



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Project X

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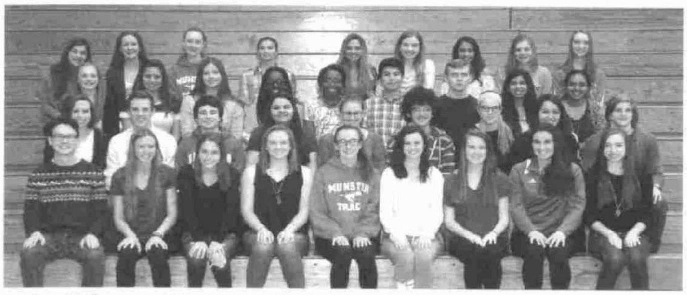

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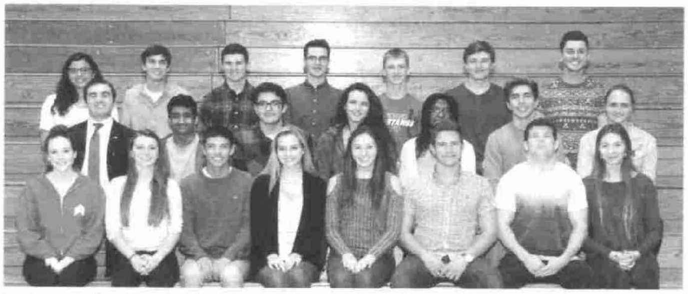

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Read and White Book Club

Read & White Book Club *(front row)* Rebecca Sendejas, Kelli Canul, Anna Gambetta, Palak Patel, Madhuri Kesani *(back row)* Sarah Seaman, Katie Dodgson, Marshay Neely, Kiele Brown, Rebecca Dodgson

Robotics

Robotics *(front row)* Michelle Weller, Leo Ortiz, Vince Badali, Jenna Cappo, Nick Elipoulos, Onteya Zachary, Emily Santiago, Noelle Long *(second row)* Julian Ramirez, Declan Wittkowske, Mitt Michel, Guhao Chen, Matthew Wright, George Babus, Ian Merkel, Kwame Nnuro-Frimpong *(back row)* Andy Riddle, Jacob Powers, Zack Montes, Daniel Cappo, Laura Weller, Malcolm Jasper, Andrew Vicari, Joseph Roe

SADD

SADD *(front row)* Brad Sikora, Mackenzie Portone, Brittney Lee, Kailey Potts, Kaitlyn Costello, Melissa Bermudez, Alyssa Strege *(back row)* Alyssa Lepir, Julia Swibes, Nicole Choros, Alexandria Ashenbaugh, Maria Sirounis, Mackenzie Peirick

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad *(front row)* Julia Chael, Sofia Balac, Bridget Caraher, Emma Hand, Guhao Chen, Evan Dong, Kate Radde, Kali Konstantinopoulos *(second row)* Matt Kvasnica, Thomas Shu, Harshavardhan Sanaka, Scott Kenning, Cody Phillips, Anthony Zmuda, Avi Patel, Lydia Zheng *(back row)* Arlo Detmer, Steven Nowaczyk, Jonathan Neeley, Aditya Mishra, Alexandru Kirr, Adam Rickter, Jacob Demeter, Daniel Soeka

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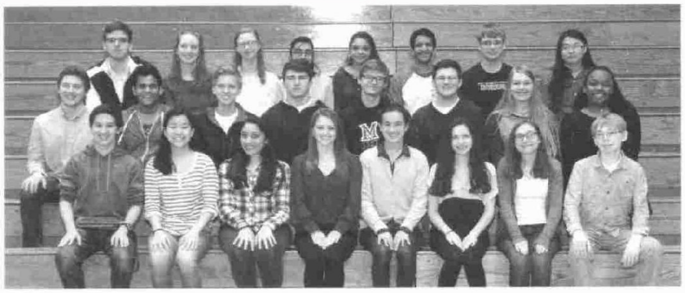
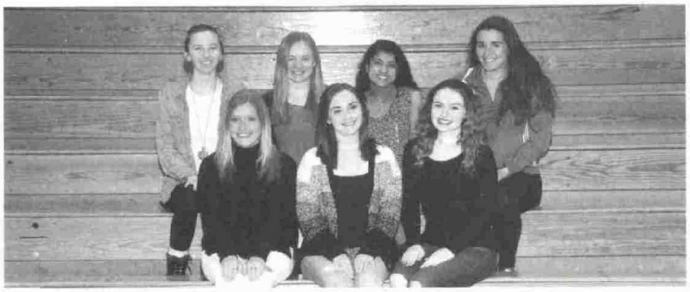


Science Olympiad *(front row)* Brian Araya, Vivian Wei, Perima Shah, Emma Harvath, Jill Ylo, Lissette Araya, Danielle DeCesaris, Nicholas Carson *(second row)* Vince Ivetich, Ajeyo De, J.R. Bales, Porter Taylor, Ian Merkel, Eli Stricker, Hannah Giba, Kayla Prowell *(back row)* Milan Obradovic, Mackinzie Farnell, Lauren Martin, Safa Chowdhury, Natalia Salazar, Nirav Patwari, Mike Markovich, Tiffany Wang

Senior CEC



Senior CEC *(front row)* Kaitlyn Costello, Camryn Fary, Savannah Shaver *(back row)* Julia Chael, Maggie Anderson, Meena Kandallu, Maria Sirounis

Sophomore CEC

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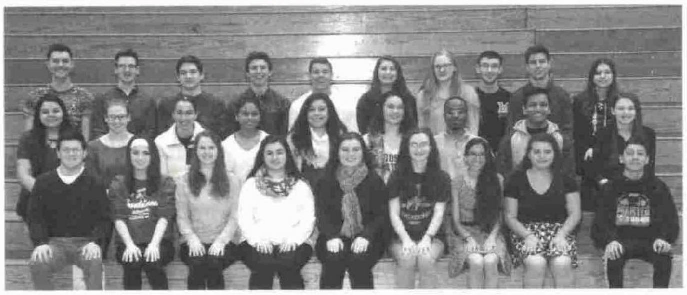
Spanish Club



Spanish Club *(front row)* Eli Stricker, Rachel Lyons, Hannah Curtis, Samantha Alexiou, Abigail Wagner, Aileen Wagner, Izzy Malagon, Alex Campbell, Cesar Lopez *(second row)* Alexandria Ashenbaugh, Alexis Starkey, Amanda Osterhus, Serena Patel, Dara Medina, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Carlos Douglas, Nicholas Ochoa, Sierra Gronkiewicz *(back row)* Tim DeRolf, Eli Nirenberg, Charles Stringer, Luke Pillarella, Nick Gauthier, Cali Grzybowski, Madison Lewis, Joseph Roe, Luke Persic, Matilde Nelson

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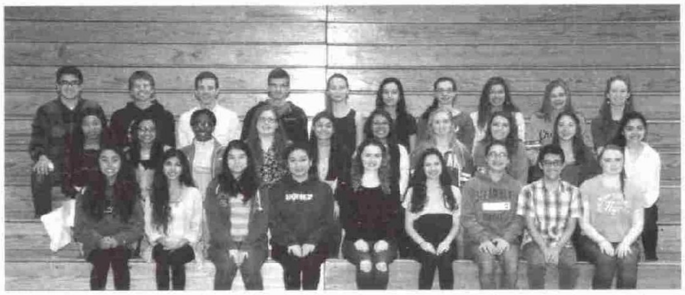

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Speech and Debate

Speech and Debate *(front row)* Hannah Ernst, Emilee Cobb, Isabell Gonzalez, Anu Arora, Emily Wierman, Chloe Zatorski, Tara Layous, Hansa Vavilala, Eli Nirenberg *(second row)* Sierra Gronkiewicz, Rhea Khatra, Ben Peters, Matthew McCraw, Melissa Mardyea, Karolina Sroka, Rayyan Siddiqui, Alejandro Flores, Jonathan Harris, Micala Boyd *(third row)* Obie Oniah, Elliott Fus, Anna Bilse, Cali Grzybowski, Anna Whitney, Vivian Reba, Olivia Foley, Silvia Lombardo, Kali Konstantinopoulos *(back row)* Cody Reinsma, Tim DeRolf, Austin Lynn, Trey DeLuna, Stevie McDunn, Jack Jones, Scott Kenning, James Sroge, Jeremiah Eaton

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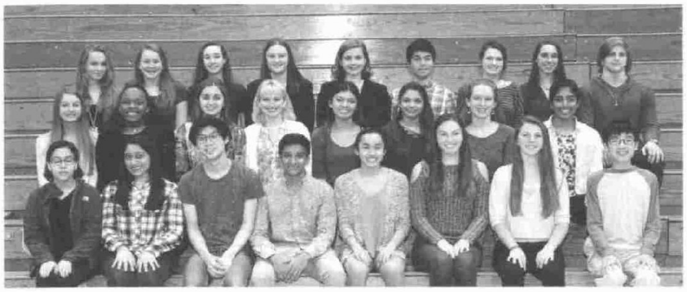

Speech and Debate *(front row)* Isabel Nieves, Prima Shah, Patrick Wu, Shreyas Iyer, Samantha Barraza, Jill Cuvala, Savanah Sharpe, Justin Lee *(second row)* Sage Sweeney, Kayla Prowell, Maya Radjenovich, Alexandria Shinkan, Mia Castro, Natalia Salazar, Mackinzie Farnell, Saveda Majety *(back row)* Nicole Biestek, Melanie Powers, Sydney Pastor, Jackie Webber, Alex Raycroft, Michael Hrinda, Peyton Tinder, Claire LeMonnier, Nicholas Heppner-Lundin

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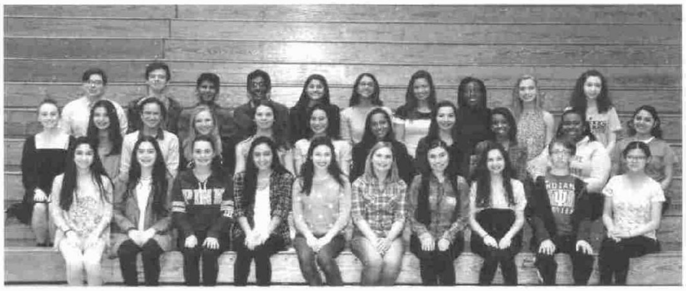
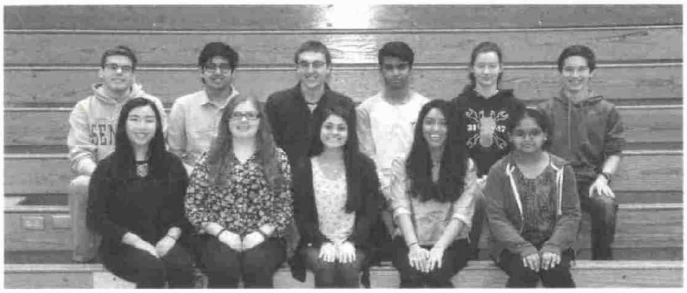


Speech and Debate *(front row)* Alina Arzumanian, Emily Schoffman, Nicole Tsoukalas, Vanessa Koultourides, Ani Arzumanian, Tatiana Shinkan, Mariah Villaroman, Lissette Araya, Ethan Levy, Lana Urban *(second row)* Liv Rivich, Maria Rucinski, Jill Ylo, Anna Riggs, Mimi Brody, Alexandria Bleza, Priyana Reddy, Moira Boyle, Miah Albritton, Zoe Short, Nancy Tratar *(back row)* Vincent D'Angelo, Connor Meyer, Arvind Debie, Easan Venkat, Lauryn Nunez, Anusuya Bandyopadhyay, Abigail Nita, Chelsea Okolocha, Alexandra Vjestica, Mara DiCarlo

Spell Bowl



Spell Bowl *(front row)* Lydia Zheng, Haleigh Gronwold, Lauryn Nunez, Palak Patel, Madhuri Kesani *(back row)* Jacob Demeter, Aditya Mishra, Daniel Soeka, Avi Patel, Michelle Weller, Brian Araya

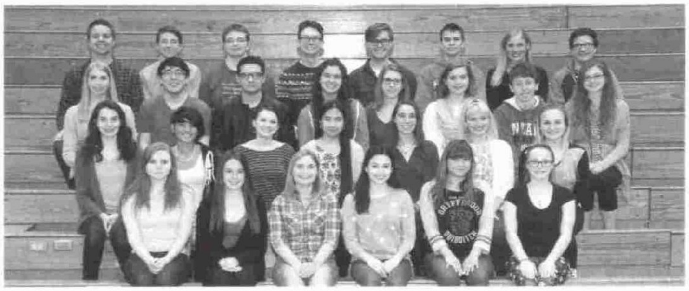
STAND

STAND *(front row)* Matthew Marcus, Michael Hrinda, Heather Born, Brittney Lee, Lindsey Martin, Savannah Shaver *(back row)* Jordan Wright, Lucas Newell, Yiorgo Karnezis, Luke Persic, Julia Torres, Anna Slosser, Alexandria Ashenbaugh

Student Government

Student Government *(front row)* Anusuya Bandyopadhyay, Saveda Majety, Anna Riggs, Jill Ylo, Perima Shah, Ally Szakacs, Emma Harvath *(second row)* Melanie Mooney, Mallory Grim, Vince Ivetich, Kalie Miles, Megan Wolski, Sage Sweeney, Kayla Prowell, Vanessa Koultourides *(third row)* Lauren Adams, Mackenzie Peirick, Julia Torres, Serena Patel, Maeve Riley, Tara Layous, Hansa Vavilala *(back row)* Tim DeRolf, Milan Obradovic, Harsh Jhaveri, Jake Ingoglia, William McComis, Lucas Newell, Qionte Johnson

Thespians



Thespians *(front row)* Megan Eickleberry, Shanna Klisser, Tatiana Shinkan, Ani Arzumanian, Jamie McDowell, Camille Jancosek *(second row)* Jenna Cappo, Olivia Truett, Peyton Tinder, Lauren Florek, Claire LeMonnier, Alexandria Shinkan, Chloe Jancosek *(third row)* Lane Terry, James Han, Matthew McCraw, Alyssa DeJoan, Paige Mecyssine, Alex Raycroft, Jacob Levy, Amy McDunn *(back row)* Jonathan Neeley, Stevie McDunn, Richard Caraher, Elliott Fus, David Green, Hunter Ward, Anna Bilse, Daniel Cappo

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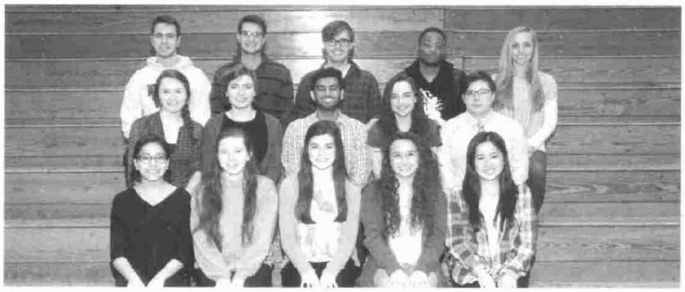
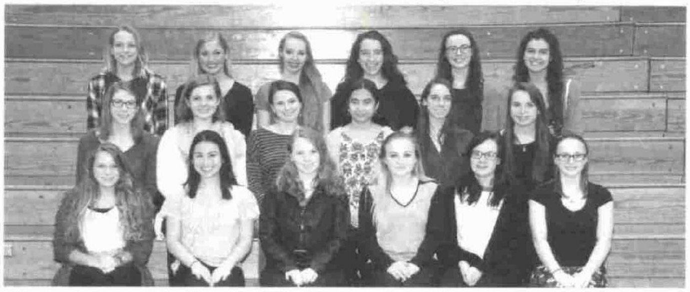
We The People



We the People *(front row)* Isabel Nieves, Kyra Marriott, Mary Kate Pruzin, Gaby Ramirez, Caia Trykall *(second row)* Lily Warren, Anna Whitney, Dylan Harish, Maddie Foley, Vince D'Angelo *(back row)* Noah O'Mara, Jake Ingoglia, David Green, Qionte Johnson, Skyler Gronkiewicz

Women's Ensemble (SONG)



Women's Ensemble *(front row)* Jillian Dixon, Alexandria Bleza, Shannon Hocker, Chloe Jancosek, Olivia Hesterman, Camille Jancosek *(second row)* Paige Mecyssine, Alex Raycroft, Peyton Tinder, Lauren Florek, Claire LeMonnier, Kaitlyn McHale *(back row)* Sarah Seaman, Anna Bilse, Zoe O'Dea, Silvia Lombardo, Ella Speckhard, Alyssa DeJoan

WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Club members and sponsors reflected on their favorite moments

"(My favorite moment from a club this year was) probably setting up for Homecoming because that was the first major thing we ever did, and it took a lot of time. It took like three days to set up for Homecoming. It was weird because I didn't really know anyone, but when we were setting up I made a bunch of new friends."
Kayla Prowell, freshman,
Student Government

"I think my favorite moment was when we did the Breton dancing. We moved all the desks on the walls so that we had a big open space for dancing and trying to get 30 people to do some pretty intense line dancing was a lot of fun. I think everyone had a great time."
Ms. Stephanie Peterson, French teacher
French Club sponsor

"My favorite moment is every time we have practice because all we do is sing, which I love to do, and laugh."
Zoe O'Dea, sophomore
SONG

"Every year my favorite part of it is the poetry slam, which is at the end of the year, and it's kind of a celebration and showcase of the student's talent and work they've been doing all year long. It's an opportunity for them to stand in front of an audience and have the audience hear what they're thinking and feeling."
Mrs. Kelly Burner, English teacher
Poetry Club sponsor

"It was really just being a part of this whole ensemble in general, and meeting so many new people, I feel like we're all a really big family in theater."
Kelly Collins, freshman
Munster Theater Company (MTC)

"Probably just spending time volunteering and seeing how happy it makes other people."
Abigail Nita, sophomore
Project X

"It's really exciting to be on a high level, competitive team, that brings focus, great drive, and ambition, from August until June."
Mr. Jordan Meyers, English teacher
Speech & Debate Director

"There has been a lot of fun parts in Science Olympiad. A funny thing that happened was that in our trip to Ionia, Mich., for our competition we were in our rooms doing whatever before our competition, the girls, seniors, had bed bugs in their beds and everyone was checking their beds. It was chaotic. We had pizza delivered to the hotel. We went to the gas station across the street, and we ran across the highway. We almost got ran over."
Eli Stricker, freshman
Science Olympiad

"My favorite part about being apart of a club this year was seeing all the work that we've worked for this season finally finished. Seeing it all finished was pretty awesome."
Ian Merkel, junior
Robotics

"My favorite moment this year had to be when we were at the award ceremony and I went up on stage and accepted my first place award for the DECA virtual business challenge. It was a great experience."
Chris Kramic, sophomore
DECA

"My favorite moment in Orchestra was going to elementary schools and playing for the little kids. Music is my passion and I think that spreading this gift I have to other kids and getting them interested in orchestra, I think it will benefit them long term... And it's also nice to get out of school."
Patrick Wu, junior
Orchestra

"Being able to help with the student body was an amazing feeling to have."
Mackenzie Prenek, senior
Student Government

"Mostly knowing new people and being a part of something, and getting the experience, in art club, of drawing, painting, and everything I'm doing."
Nicole Dominguez, freshman
Art Club

"The feeling of just winning your competitions with your team feels amazing."
Fatima Shinkan, senior
Speech & Debate

TEAM PICTURES

Boys' Cross Country

Scoreboard

Crown Point 3rd
Lake Central Invite 3rd
NCC Preview 2nd
Lafayette Harrison Invite 6th
Lowell Invite 5th
New Prairie Invite 7th
Culver Military Academy - CST 13th
NCC Meet 2nd
Sectionals 2nd
Regionals 4th
Semi-State 8th

Boys' Cross Country *(front row)* Joseph Bellahcen, Matthew Georgas, Tony Bahling, Isaac Gutierrez, Tyler Keslin, Matt Nahnsen, Mitchell Buffano, Coach Richard Sluder *(back row)* Coach Aaron Brown, Luke Heritage, Nick Szala, Nick Peitrick, Jack Jones, Theo Burgwald, Ian Frantal, John Mateja

Girls' Cross Country

Scoreboard

Crown Point 4th
Lake Central Invite 4th
NCC Preview 2nd
Lafayette Harrison Invite 7th
Lowell Invite 7th
New Prairie Invite 11th
Culver Military Academy CST 17th
1st
Sectionals 2nd
Regionals 2nd
Semi-State 7th
State

Girls' Cross Country *(front row)* Maggie Anderson, Jill Yio, Maya Montoya, Claire Svoboda, Emily Johnson, Mackenzie Peitrick, Emily Wierman *(second row)* Olivia Eldert, Nicole Biel, Aileen Wagner, Nicole Crowe, Hansa Vavilala, Sarah Johnson, Kaylee Galvan, Elise Garcia *(third row)* Coach Kyleen Nolan, Brisa Bahling, Moira Boyle, Audrey Stooksbury, Erin Paskewicz, Laila Khani, Hailey Thill, Erin Gonzales, Coach Brianne Rubesha *(fourth row)* Emma Gouliaev, Alondra Lopez, Melanie Mooney, Megan Dato, Kyrie Brown, Arianna Lagunas, Nicole Katalinic *(back row)* Kyra Marriott, Kate Stanko, Lysette Garcia, Mallory Grim, Isabel Nieves

Freshman Football

Scoreboard

Lake Central 14-50
Chesterton 14-20
Highland 0-28
Andrean 16-29
Morton 8-36
Griffith 16-20
Hobart 14-35
Lowell 0-40
Griffith 20-26

Freshman Football *(front row)* Jaden Warner, Kosta Fotopoulos, Bryce Bullock, Javaughn Richards, Luke Forszt, Trevor Maul *(second row)* Joedon Barrientez, Josh Fleming, Rasuli Muhammad, Ryan Hyland, Hunter Delgado, Jelani Warner, Brandon Kyle *(third row)* Zack Grunewald, Marcelo Mendiola, Ryan Greep, Tim Radtke, Sam Smolinski, Freddy Jumonville, James Kocal, Jonah Clark *(fourth row)* Ali Sola, Chris Maldonado, Will McComis, Anthony Moore, Nick Cieslak, Scott Farmer *(back row)* Erin Maley, Dayton Elliott, Coach Josh Herold, Coach Matt Kalwasinski, Coach Jay Chrustowski, Ella McComis

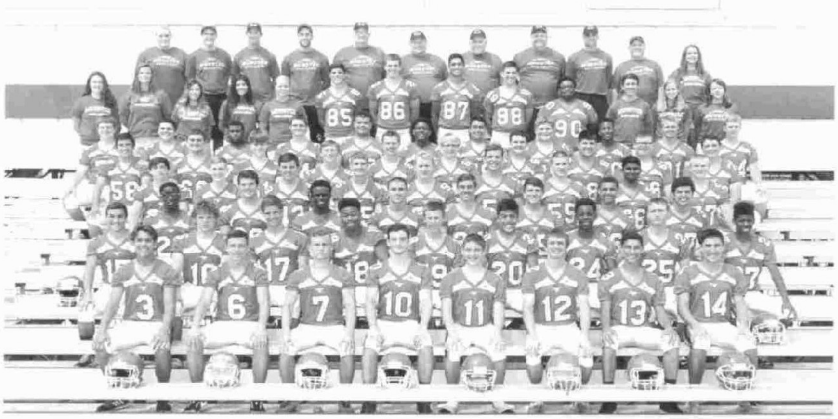
Girls' Golf

Scoreboard

Lake Central Invite 3rd
185-246-248
Kankakee Valley Invite 4th
181-250
LC/Highland 188-171-250
184-192-211
192-199
185-235
Lafayette Jefferson 6th
Chesterton 191-179
NCC Tournament 1st
192-204
195-199
Sectionals 3rd
Sectionals 7th

Girls' Golf *(front row)* Gabie Ingaglia, Serena Marin, Haleigh Granwold, Lauren Stofko, Hannah Curtis, Emma Harvath, *(back row)* Coach Bill Smitka, Sara Ladd, Nicole Howard, Emma Ladd, Alex Rowady, Maya Radjenovich

Varsity and JV Football



Varsity

Scoreboard

20-19
Chesterton 6-22
33-15
31- 7
Morton 35-48
41-24
Hobart 0-34
Lowell 17-20 (OT)

JV

Scoreboard

Lake Central Loss
Win
Andrean Loss
Tie
Win
Win
Lowell Loss
Kankakee Valley Loss

Varsity and JV Football *(front row)* Andrew Jumonville, Vincent Bravo, Scott Fischer, Michael Johnston, Marco Ivetich, Justin Brent, Noah Montoya, Zachary Eng *(second row)* Justin Gill, Arris Yoniles, Joey Yonelis, Jaylan Scott, Colin Gaither, Chris Gonzales, Dylan Bullock, Adam Reinsma, Kendall Coleman *(third row)* Jajuan Cooper, Tim Kracji, Jeff Proctor, Greg Scherzinger, Danny Stanley, Porter Taylor, Justin Goshen, Calvin Leick *(fourth row)* Nicholas DeCero, Chris Bedenk, Zeke Clark, Garrett Glover, Joe Kennedy, Jacob Strbjak, Jon Fahey-Smith, Kenny Chinnam, Cameron Hoekstra *(fifth row)* Brandon Andreasen, Patrick Marsh, Rob Blocher, Jacob Fitch, Aaron Welch, Jonathan Cieslak, Peter Delis, Jordan Cistola, Andrew Rapata, Jordan Davis *(sixth row)* Connor Nussbaum, Cristian Eloisa, Carrington Sanders, Sean Wagner, Aavery Poelinitz, Carl Adindu, Jacob Arteaga, Andrew Opat, Brandon Baker, Logan Armagast, Ben Barilla *(seventh row)* Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Amy Kaniewski, Erin Maley, Elena Bedalla, Dayton Elliott, Demetri Fotopoulos, Milan Obradovic, Angad Sidhu, Rob Wente, Montez Rivera, Danny Zuccarelli, Ashley McPartlan, Ms. Mary Spina *(back row)* Serena Marsh, Matt Travis, Coach Joe Helmer, Coach Ryan Gardner, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Chris Marsh, Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach James Grunewald, Coach Brian Vance

TEAM PICTURES

Varsity Boys' Soccer

Scoreboard

Portage T 0-0
8-1
9-0
7-1
Lake Cental 4-3
Crown Point 3-2
6-0
1-1 PK Win
5-0
3-2
1-1 PK Win
Zionsville Classic - Dwenger 3-0
7-0
7-0
3-0
2-1
4-0
3-0
1-0
Regionals vs. Lake Central 2-0

Varsity Boys' Soccer *(front row)* Mladjan Jankovic, Kosta Karagan, Brandon Winter, J.R. Bales, Kiriako Tsoukalas, Michael Jonelis, Thomas Beckman *(second row)* Camden Seput, Evan Dubose, Eric Salzeider, Jake Carlson, Tony Redman, Scott Fischer, Laith Srour, Brad Sikora *(third row)* Coach Jason McCauley, David Orteaga, Austin Andello, Brett Kaufmann, Clay Arnold, Yiorgo Karnezis, Coach Jim Prasopoulos

JV Boys' Soccer

JV Boys' Soccer *(front row)* Max Perez, Sean Adams, Reed Watkins, Kyle Snyder, Max Corner, William Teske, Cesar Lopez *(second row)* Nathan Karnezis, Nate Kekelik, Dylan Brann, Noah Moell, Khavand Peddi, Justin Lukowski, Logan Rogers, Adam Wisniewski *(back row)* Coach Jason McCauley, Jordan Andric, Micah Flohaven, David Dafiaghor, Zakris Shmagranoff, Alec Spicer, Coach Jim Prasopoulos

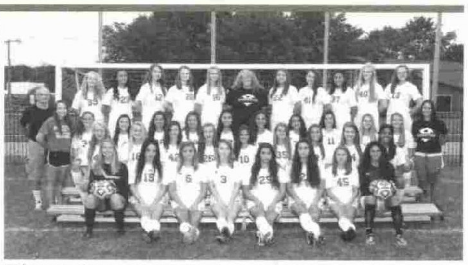
Scoreboard

1-0
8-0
8-1
5-1
3-0
Crown Point 1-0
6-0
2-1
6-2
Chesterton 3-2
7-1
8-1
3-1
5-0
2-0

Girls' Soccer

Scoreboard

VARSITY
4-0
3-0
1-0
1-1 PK
3-0
3-0
Argos Invite: Argos 1-1 PK
2-1
1-0
2-1
7-0
3-1
3-1
2-0
1-0
8-0
6-0
1-0
1-0
Semistate- Fishers 1-0
JUNIOR VARSITY
5-0
2-0
4-0
Lake Central 1-0
4-0
1-0
7-0
2-1
5-0
2-0
1-0
3-0
4-0
Crown Point 3-0



Girls' Soccer *(front row)* Olivia Kindt, Lexie Lyons, Haley Collison, Kaila Crague, Brooke Newton, Maria Sirounis, Emily Grunewald, Genesis Tienstra *(second row)* Cami Kekelik, Jaycee Helmer, Lizzie Fies, Olivia Foley, Priscilla Carvajal, Kayleigh Yaeger, Kendal Ziel, Claire Bailey, Saveda Majety *(third row)* Christina Nowaczyk, Madison Hansen, Jessica Tarpo, Georgia Pappas, Abby Nita, Cammi Stassin, Addy Andello, Annabelle Giannini, Riley Fortone, Bella Dyrhaug, Brenna Dyrhaug, Coach Erin Goodman *(back row)* Coach John Fekete, Alaina Lany, Sam Barroza, Emma Hand, Jackie Webber, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Coach Valerie Pflum, Janica van Ghunt, Gabby Szumlas, Mia Guerrero, Jenny Watterson, Sara Mavity

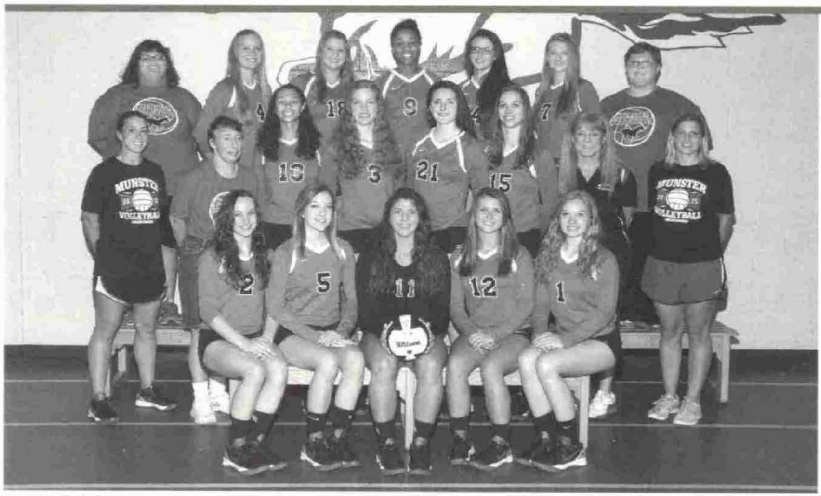
Boys' Tennis

Boys' Tennis *(front row)* Frank Wolf, Arlo Detmer, Aleksander Bolac, Trey Deluna, Matt Marcus, Adam Richter, Henry Wolf, Luke Wuchenich, Collin Sharpe, Zach Schmidt *(second row)* Logan Rhodes, Easan Venkat, Joseph Baeza, Austin Klawitter, Coach Steven Lopez, Coach Sid Rothstein, Shreyas Iyer, Jenson Huang, Dylan Harish *(back row)* Jacob Von Woert, Jonathan Dinh, Ajeya De, Gary Chen, Coach Patrick Spohr, Steven Nowaczyk, Djorde Blagojevic, Chris Sauer, Alex Yao, Jonathan Harris

Scoreboard

5-0
3-2
5-0
5-0
North Central Invite 3rd
5-0
5-0
NWI Tennis Classic - CMA 2-3
3-2
4-1
Warsaw Community High School 3rd
5-0
5-0
5-0
4-1
5-0
3-2
4-1
5-0
5-0
5-0
3-2
5-0
Semi-State - Culver Academy 1-4

Varsity Volleyball



Varsity Volleyball *(front row)* Maddie Foley, Eudora Negri, Lexi Pitsas, Katie Szakacs, Abigail Negri *(second row)* Coach Cathy Dilbeck, Patty Pfister, Marijke Van Dyke, Alyssa Chronowski, Madison Horin, Allison Hajduch, Coach Janet Wories, Coach Tracy Summers *(back row)* Manager Christina Mendoza, Abigail Chronowski, Lauren Adams, Mega Dafiaghor, Arielle Crow, Brooke Dills, Katie Kordeck

Scoreboard

3-1
Valparaiso Tourney 3-2
Lake Central 3-0
3-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
3-1
2-0
2-1
3-0
3-0
3-0
Crown Point Invite
3-0
3-0
2-0
2-0
2-1
Laf. Jeff Tourney
Laf. Central Catholic 2-1
3-0
3-0
3-0
3-0
3-1
3-0
3-1
LaPorte Invite
Roncalli 2-1
2-0
2-0
LaPorte Invite
Carroll 2-0
3-0
3-0
3-0
3-0
Sectional - Lake Central 3-0

JV Volleyball

Scoreboard

2-0
Valparaiso 0-2
Lake Central 0-2
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
Michigan City JV Invite 2-1
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
Portage Invite 2-2
2-0
Andrean 0-2
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
LaPorte Invite 3-1

JV Volleyball *(front row)* Lauren Kuipers, Kaylie Vickers, Alexis Pedroza, Karina Manjaras *(second row)* Jordyn Warner, Katherine Dodgson, Coach Cathy Dilbeck, Abigail Resch, Taylor Dvorscak *(back row)* Rebecca Dodgson, Kalie Miles, Tracy Summers, Janet Wories, Abigail Negri, Maddie Barnett

Freshman Volleyball

Freshman Volleyball *(front row)* Corina Love, Taylor Raycroft, Maggie Curtin, Maddie Meyer *(second row)* Sydney Pastor, Sara Wenzel, Coach Janet Wories, Emilee Eggebrecht, Cali Grzybowski *(back row)* Maddie Steapleton, Isabelle Bednarowski, Coach Cathy Dilbeck, Coach Tracy Summers, Linda Plebanski, Jessica Tucker, Manager Kayley Gruber

Scoreboard

2-0
Valparaiso Tournament
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
Marion Catholic 2-1
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
Crown Point Tournament
2-0
2-0
2-1
2-1
2-0
2-0
2-1
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0
Lake Central Tournament
2-0
2-0
2-0
Lake Central 2-1
2-0
2-0
2-0
2-0

Freshman Boys' Basketball

Scoreboard

Crown Point 43-37
44-17
32-28
47-29
35-18
43-40
56-23
47-33
Chesterton 33-30
Lake Central 36-31
48-23
48-37
34-23
46-40
Andrean 43-38
Lake Central 39-33
34-24
38-30
47-24
Valparaiso 33-30

Freshman Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Nick Hamilton, Dante Spino, Dimitri Chioros, Tyler Hayes, David Dafiaghor, Zach Grunewald *(second row)* Ken Miles, William McComis, Scott Farmer, Greg Charles, Matt Triperifeldas *(back row)* Javaughn Richards, Coach Jack Cundiff, Svetko Gasich, Blake Stepanovich

JV Boys' Basketball

JV Boys' Basketball *(front row)* Tyler Zabrecky, Eric Jerge, Tony Daniels, Matt Manous, Garrett Manous *(second row)* Kosta Fotopoulos, Jacob Anderson, Noah Lewis, Russell Smith *(back row)* Owais Siddiqui, Coach Jake Argenta, Tommy Maloney

Scoreboard

54-44
63-54
60-24
46-42
47-24
Crown Point 39-42
Penn 44-49
Lake Central 34-43
54-19
56-37
56-24
47-39
47-43
44-40
Hobart 37-49
52-31
Valparaiso 36-58
58-28
60-48
44-40
Andrean 50-52
57-49

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Scoreboard

Hammond Noll 33- 61
47- 45
Hammond Morton 45- 57
East Chicago Central 73- 77
LaPorte 45- 47
Crown Point 38- 53
54- 53
Lake Central 40- 43
65- 56
53- 23
Griffith- Highland Tournament 36- 54
70-61
65-31
Merrillville 57-82
73-58
50-47
Lowell 66-73
Valparaiso 49-68
48-47
58-45
Chesterton 56-60
Andrean 60-77
Bowman Academy 43-65
East Chicago Central 52-68

Boys' Varsity Basketball *(front row)* Tommy Maloney, Luke Hackett, Connor Manous, Peter Kounelis, Luke Pillarella, Jevon Morris *(second row)* Nick Fies, Christian Cruz, Noah Lewis, Jake Strbjak, Antoine Van Dyke *(back row)* Coach Jack Cundiff, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Greg Luksich

Freshman Girls' Basketball

Freshman Girls' Basketball *(front row)* Alaina Lany, Taylor Raycroft, Megan Dedelow, Madison Wilson *(second row)* Megan Szymanski, Alex Rowady, Coach Gabrielle Raspopovich, Chyan Rangel, Anastasia Cipowski-Smith *(back row)* Sydney Hamill, Bree Karl, Janica van Ghunt, Audrey Beck

Scoreboard

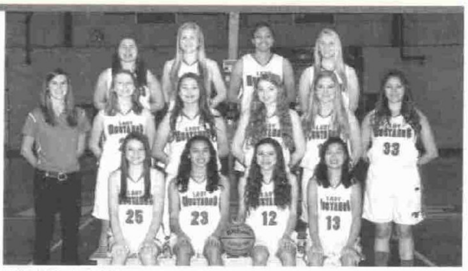
Hobart 45-20
Hanover Central 36-32
Hobart 40-17
29-25
34-30
23-14
Lake Central 33-18
42-0
Portage 31-30
Chesterton 25-13
Crown Point 29-27
22-19
20-19
Highland 19-18
Griffith 29-18

TEAM PICTURES

JV Girls' Basketball

Scoreboard

48-14
Portage 22-34
Chesterton36-46
50-19
26-11
50-5
39-17
LC15-44
Hobart 36-49
34-22
34-17
33-23
39-24
Valparaiso Tournament - Valparaiso 25-39
Valparaiso Tournament - LaPorte 30-39
36-31
46-39
KV 21-26
Highland 39-40
43-29
Valparaiso 16-39



JV Girls' Basketball *(front row)* Mikayla Collins, Sam Barraza, Madison Lakomek, Helen Newton *(second row)* Coach Brianne Rubesha, Kim Giannini, Madison Dinga, Maeve Riley, Sarah Wanicki, Rosalinda DeLuna *(back row)* Ella McComis, Jenny Watterson, Tanneigh Boyd, Isabella Bednarowski

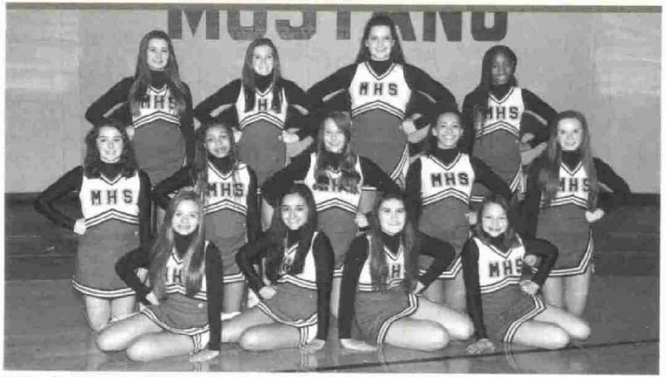
Varsity Girls' Basketball

Varsity Girls' Basketball *(front row)* Cami Kekelik, Isabelle Bednarowski, Maria Sirounis, Madison Lakomek *(second row)* Coach Brianne Rubesha, Madelynn Moore, Coach Beth Thornburg, Coach Jim Davidson, Megan Zabrecky, Coach Gabrielle Raspopovich *(back row)* Tanneigh Boyd, Melissa McCann, Jaycee Helmer, Sammi Buvala

Scoreboard

75-25
Portage 43-63
Chesterton 33-38
Gary West 40-81
Andrean 24-59
54-37
62-52
Lake Central 33- 79
30-21
Hammond Morton 47-66
44-22
50-23
43-35
54-53
LaPorte Tournament 42-61
46-44
Crown Point 26-51
Kankakee Valley 45-68
45-42
East Chicago Central 35-65
Valparaiso 35-48
50-24
Hammond Morton Sectional 32-50

JV Cheerleading



JV Cheerleading *(front row)* Thalia Chiaros, Vanessa Koultourides, Taylor Hohmans, Eleanor Wilson *(second row)* Nicole Tsoukalas, Taylor Beck, Samantha Kall, Autumn Whaley, Lauren Stofko *(back row)* Lily Porter, Isabelle Landeck, Abby Rivera, Adeyah Shine

Varsity Cheerleading

Varsity Cheerleading *(front row)* Jillian Dixon, Katie Dedelow, Tessa Bales, *(second row)* Gwynn Hammermeister, Mary Pugh, Gabriella Herrera, Khalehla Strong, *(back row)* Hannah Zaremba, Brittney Lee, Emily Zellinger

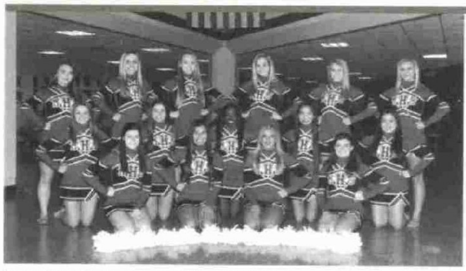
JV Dance

Scoreboard

1st place State JV pom
2nd place State JV jazz
2nd place State Junior solo: Savanah Sharpe
4th place State small ensemble: Savanah Sharpe, Jill Cuvala, Victoria Williams, CeCi Lipschultz

JV Dance *(front row)* Alina Arzumanian, Kate Radde, Victoria Williams, Reem Alsakaji, Alyssa Strege *(second row)* Savannah Sharpe, Lauren Kozy, Cecilia Lipschultz, Jill Cuvala, Alexandra Vjestica, Carolina Garza *(back row)* Bella Buono, Alyse Lepir, Lane Terry, Rhea Khatra, Monica Franczek

Varsity Dance



Varsity Dance *(front row)* Mary Kate Pruzin, Katie Wiening, Jaclyn Dye, Sugar Fane *(second row)* Emma Horvath, Jolie Goldberg, Makayla Woods, Melissa Franczek, Caia Trykall *(back row)* Emily Mudroncik, Skyler Gronkiewicz, Stephanie Vjestica, Sofia Balar

Scoreboard

1st place State Varsity AAA pom
4th place State Varsity AAA jazz
1st place State large ensemble: Jackie Dye, Katie Wiening, Sugar Fane, Mary Kate Pruzin, Melissa Franczek, Cara Trykall, Emily Mudroncik

Girls' Swimming

Girls' Swimming and Diving *(front row)* Charlene Cortez, Brisa Bohling, Alex Flores, Sophia Zavala, Natalie Kuipers, Taylor Brant, Eleanor Wilson *(second row)* Deven Burse, Megan Larsan, Gurkiran Kaur, Aleksandra Manojlovic, Nicole Wakefield, Katharine Foley, Audrey Beck, Melissa Bermudez *(third row)* Jennifer Lockhart, Lindsy Vanek, Siman Khatra, Kirstin Osborne, Isabella Blackford, Kayla Coleman, Miranda Adams, Casey Meldgin *(back row)* Anna Nonsinska, Coach Mathew Pavlovich, Margaret Vaitkus, Brigid McGinty, Megan Wimmer, Coach Jimmy Raber, Coach Bill Chappo

Scoreboard

Penn 122-63
138-47
141-39
140-34
181-59
140-45
131-53
HSE Holiday Splash 2nd
S.B. Riley 96-90
147-39
Highland Invite 2nd
1st
110-75
Chesterton 128-58
Sect. Prelims C.P
1st
Diving Regionals
State finals 16th

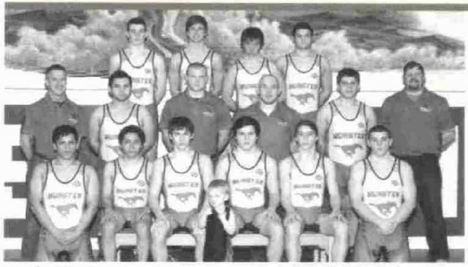
Boys' Swimming

Scoreboard

Penn 117-66
132-17
Munster Relays/Diving 10,Swim-21st
of 4 Red division
177-62
97-86
130-55
HSE Holiday Splash 4th
W 95-85
Highland Invitational 2nd
119-66
131-55
129-55
100-85
Chesterton 131-54
1st
1st
Regionals
State finals 31st

Boys' Swimming *(front row)* Armani Chavolla, Nathan Kunas, James Ashcraft, Tony Bohling, Joseph Baeza, Mitchell Buffano, Brandon Silver *(second row)* Coach Mathew Pavlovich, Eric Wallace, Carlo Candelana, Vincent Niaves-Ramos, Benjamin Rasamimari, Allan Mella, James Svolos *(third row)* Matthew Dempsey, Jack Wulf, Jake Hemingway, Dakota Grankiewicz, Michael Johnston, Justin Singh, Coach Jimmy Raber *(back row)* Coach Cara Briggs, Jenson Huang, Steven Nowaczyk, Logan Armagast, Christopher Snyder, Nicholas Heppner-Lundin, Coach Bill Chappo

Wrestling



Wrestling *(front row)* Chase Surma *(second row)* Cristian Patino, Rodrigo Contreras, Jason Crary, Zeke Clark, Cody Crary, Jonah Clark *(third row)* Coach Mike Crary, Vicente Misch-Ramirez, Coach Zach Slosser, Coach Lance Surma, Nicolas Calderon, Coach Eric Thomas *(back row)* Ryan Hyland, Josh Brann, Michael Szewka, Caleb Thomas

Scoreboard

Northern Indiana Challenge 9th
24-18
Plymouth 5th
26-19
Calumet-Traicoff Tournament 2-3
14th
Al Smith Invite 26th/32
Lake County Invite 6th
Lowell 5th
Sectionals 4th
Regionals 7th
Semi-State 21st

Freshman Baseball

Scoreboard

19-0
15-0
7-5
11-1
Highland 2-2
8-3
9-4
Lake Central 3-8
7-6
W 7-2
12-1
Crown Point 0-4
Lake Central Invite - Andrean 5-6

2-1

Freshman Baseball *(front row)* Jeff Boward, Nick Hamilton, Dylan Brann, Michael Schassburger, Tyler Zabrecky *(second row)* Luke Forszt, Tyler Hayes, Mitchell Buffano, Zachary Grunewald, Michael Biel, Cade Howard *(back row)* Matt Tripenfeldas, Nick Fies, Scott Farmer, Greg Charles, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk

JV Baseball

JV Baseball *(front row)* John Dragicevich, Jacob Fitch, Matt Manous, Hunter Zukley, Justin Brent *(second row)* Anthony Ruffalo, Jack Strimel, Kyle Snyder, Ryan Thometz *(back row)* Shane Smolinski, Zack Eng, Noah Montoya, Carson Ramirez, Coach Matt Backs

Scoreboard

Hobart 6-4
4-3
7-5
7-4
17-0
Morton 11-0
5-2
Griffith 12-10
14-3
Lake Central 9-2
14-4
Portage 6-4
Highland 7-4
Highland 9-8
4-2
12-2
7-1
9-3

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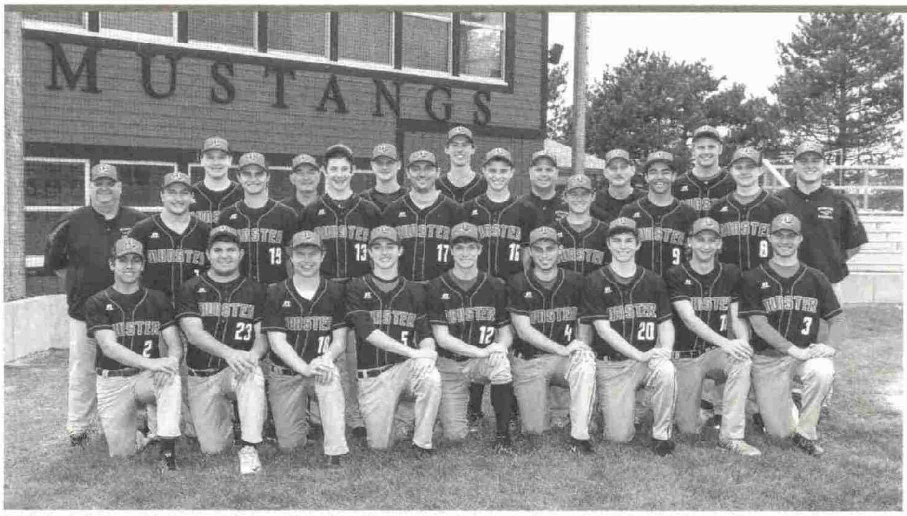
Varsity Baseball



Varsity Baseball *(front row)* Andrew Jumonville, Jordan Cistola, Aaron Welch, Logan Demkovich, Joshua Brann, Zachary Kall, Michael Brozovic, Alexander Weakland, Kyle Palermo *(second row)* Alex Mis, Connor Manous, James Forde, C.J. Gloff, Garrett Manous, Dom Delia, Xavier Unzueta, Brandon Bailek *(back row)* Coach Bob Shirkan, Trevor Brooks, Coach John Premetz, Jacob Anderson, Mike Madura, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Coach Matt Backs, Logan Armagast, Coach Alex Coccia

Scoreboard

Mt. Vernon 6 - 3
20 - 7
Terre Haute South Vigo 8 - 5
6 - 0
7 - 2
Hobart 2 - 1
15 - 0
17 - 0
3 - 2 (9)
9 - 0
11 - 0
3 - 2
3 - 0
4 - 0
Lake Central 10 - 0
10 - 0
4 - 0
8 - 4
Crown Point 8 - 4
Andrean 5 - 2
Andrean 4 - 1
Portage 8 - 2
4 - 3
10 - 0
Valparaiso 6 - 2
10 - 3
Bellmont Invitational 3 - 2
2 - 1
5 - 2
5 - 4
Chesterton IHSAA State Tournament 1-0

Boys' Golf

Scoreboard

Lake Central 200-151
Highland 200-185
182-269
Chesterton 5-0
Highland 186-183
Portage 198-175
Boone Grove 180-173
Kank.Valley 180-177
Rensselear Invite 9th/18
Andrean 193-167
Hobart 192-189
Griffith 191-187
Crown Point Invite 6th/9
183-185
159-206
Lowell JV Invite
Lake Central Invite 15th/19
NCC 4th/7
Sectionals 4th/7

Boys' Golf *(front row)* Adam Wisniewski, Luke Dragicevich, Tony Daniels, Michael Marich, Merrick Lieser *(back row)* Jake Galosich, Blake Gardiner, Eric Picard, Louis DalleCarbonare, Coach Bill Smitka, Easan Venkat

JV Softball

JV Softball *(front row)* Corina Cabrales, Desiree Bedolla, Angela Alexiou, Dayton Elliot, Viviana Gonzales, Isabelle Landeck, Jordan Brewer *(second row)* Coach Kathleen LaPorte, Rebecca Krahn, Meagan Thornburg, Amy Kaniewski, Megan Szymanski, Mimi Brady, Coach Ron Moore *(back row)* Ashley Savickis, Brianna Plemons, Madison Pomales, Madeline Foreit

Scoreboard

3-1
Lake Central 0-5
3-4
6-1
4-3
4-3
7-3
Merrillville (DH) , 6-9
7-0
19-0
8-1
3-1
14-0
Portage 1-19
13-0
Duneland/NCC Challenge Lake Central 3-8
4-0
8-5
6-5
10-0

Varsity Softball

Scoreboard

5 - 1
Lake Central 9 - 3
Joliet West 6 - 1
1 - 0
Kankakee Valley 8 - 4
6 - 5
Crown Point 12 - 0
11 - 3
Providence Catholic 7 - 1
7 - 5
4 - 2
Andrean 12 - 1
12 - 5
9 - 7
3 - 1
3 - 0
2 - 0
4 - 0
14 - 2
7 - 6 (8)
Andrean- Twin Lakes Tournament 12 - 9
12 - 6
Highland 2 - 1
9 - 1
4 - 3
11 - 1
6 - 3
Chesterton 2 - 1
10 - 0
3 - 2
1 - 0
5 - 2
3 - 1
Penn State Tournament 10 - 0

Varsity Softball *(front row)* Jillian Ackermann, Amanda Osterhus, Genesis Tienstra, Meagan Thornburg, Nicole Howard *(second row)* Coach Kathleen LaPorte, Coach Tom DeGiulio, Chloe Miller, Melissa McCann, Madelynn Moore, Amy Kaniewski, Coach Beth Thornburg, Coach Ron Moore *(back row)* Christina Mendoza, Paige Kwasigroch, Rebecca Rodtke, Mary Ellen Gilhooly, Kelsie Kasper, Katie Kordeck

Girls' Tennis

Girls' Tennis *(front row)* Natalia Salazar, Emma Ladd, Anna Riggs, Melissa Franczek, Anisha Vavilala, Sara Ladd, Kelli Canul, Kaylynn Gruber, Karolina Sroka, Allison Dinh *(second row)* Tessa Bales, Gabriella Herrera, Jessica Wiess, Alexis Buchalo, Coach Patrick Spahr, Coach Sid Rothstein, Caitlyn Knor, Perima Shah, Gabrielle Ramirez, Alexia Calderon *(back row)* Megan Dedelow, Taryn German, Ria Shah, Monica Franczek, Savanah Sharpe, Tara Layous, Hansa Vavilala, Jennifer Watterson, Maeve Riley, Lily Stooksbury, Coach Dave Catmeyer

Scoreboard

3-2
5-0
Warsaw Invite 2nd
5-0
5-0
Carmel Invite
Lake Central 3-2
5-0
West Lafayette
5-0
5-0
Culver Military Academy CST , 3-2
4-1
S.B. St. Joe 4-1
W 5-0
5-0
5-0
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4-1
3-2
3-2
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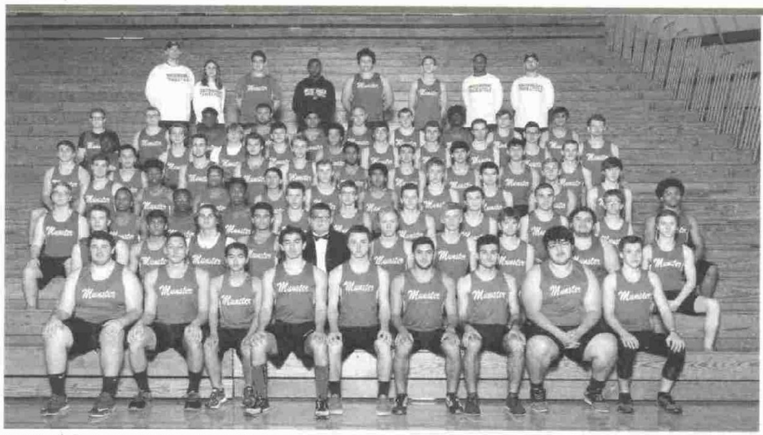
5-0

Boys' Track

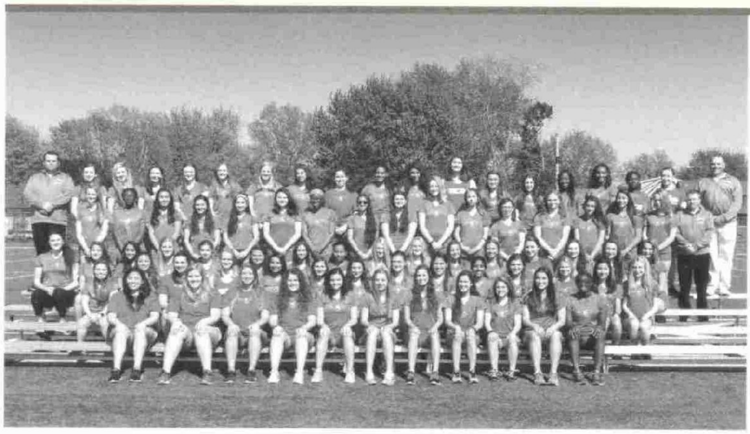


Scoreboard

106-25
111-16
99-24
81-42
121-11
89-43
1st
1st
Regionals 2nd

Boys' Track *(front row)* Jordan Davis, Antaine Van Dyke, Daniel Spencer, Diego Alanis, Jack Warren, Clay Arnold, Aleksandar Balac, Ron Barrero, Kyle Jen *(second row)* Brett Kaufmann, Bilal Siddiqui, Sean Wagner, Zack Simic, Andrew Rapata, Miles Barilla, Theo Burgwald, Tyler Keslin, Cristian Elaisa, Brad Sikora *(third row)* Declan Urbaniak, Eric Wallace, Jajuan Cooper, Brandon Baker, Colin Gaither, Jonathan Harris, Matt Marcus, Nate Kekelik, Matt Georgas, Ethan Levy, AJ Zachary *(fourth row)* Mike Jonelis, Kendall Coleman, Raheem Butler, Cesar Lopez, Nick Peirick, Nick Darai, Matt Nahnsen, Tony Bohling, John Mateja, Nick Szala *(fifth row)* Porter Taylor, Devon Harris, Noah O'Mara, Nick Sopcic, Anthony Niemiec, Ashwin Iyer, Hunter Small, Joshua Ruiz, Zachary Geron *(sixth row)* Jessie Pugh, Kyle Buvala, Jonathan Cieslak, Ben Shelton, Adam Richard, Josh Hoogewerf, Jack Jones, Brendan Bleza, Chris McLeod *(sixth row)* Sam Smolinski, Cameron Hoekstra, Carl Adindu, Aavery Poelinitz, Jesis Ghimire, Jon Fahey-Smith, Jonah Clark, Rashaun Flanagan-Seels, Stefan Blagojevic, Rayyan Siddiqui *(back row)* Coach John Stamper, Coach Mary Kate Conway, William Latinovich, Javaughn Richards, Ali Sato, Dimetri Chioros, Coach LaRence Crowder, Coach Nicholas Gran

Girls' Track



Scoreboard

1st
1st
128-4
89-43
109-14
81-42
124-8
1st
100-32
1st
1st
Regionals 3rd
State finals 13th

Girls' Track *(front row)* Dara Medina, Abigail Kapitan, Lauren Adams, Eleni Georgalas, Haley Collison, Samantha Buvala, Zoe Mintz, Jill Ylo, Emily Grunewald, Maria Sirounis, Zola Carter *(second row)* Olivia Eldert, Abigail Nita, Ashley Anderson, Lexi Chipules, Alondra Lopez, Kristin Osborne, Ani Arzumanian, Megan Dato, Lysette Garcia, Saveda Majety, Melanie Mooney, Nicole Katalinic, Arianna Lagunas, Nicole Biel, *(third row)* Madison Horin, Brisa Bohling, Jasmine Toor, Sarah Wanicki, Amanda Chipules, Alexandra Campbell, Alainna Carey, Gabrielle Ingoglia, Camryn Stassin, Kendal Ziel, Abigail Resch, Madison Dinga, Aileen Wagner, Olivia Foley, Melissa Mardyla, *(fourth row)* Anastasia Cipowski-Smith, Anualuwapo Abiaye, Samantha Barraza, Madison Lakomek, Alina Arzumanian, Ameerah Omar, Adaobi Okolocha, Isabella Malagon, Aleksandra Manojlovic, Sarah Seaman, Amy Stankiewicz, Hannah Levy, Francesca Servi, Kaylee Galvan, Elise Garcia, Nicole Biestek, Coach Richard Sluder *(back row)* Coach Thomas Barnes, Erin Gonzales, Madison Steapleton, Moira Boyle, Jackie Webber, Faith Eriks, Erin Paskewicz, Audrey Stooksbury, Ella McComis, Taylor Jones, Laila Khani, Cali Grzybowski, Nicole Jen, Nicole Roberts, Adeyah Shine, Jennifer Lockhart, Wisdom Ibikunle, Allison Rusnak, Coach Aaron Brown

Unified Track

Scoreboard

6th Place
Competed in
100 Meter Dash
400 Meter Dash
400 Meter Relay
Shot Put
Long Jump

Unified Track *(front row)* Nick Redman, Samantha Buvala, Katie Kordeck, Haley Collison *(front row)* Nick Franczak, Natalie Ostrow, Kayley Gruber, Anna Slosser, Jacob Freeman, Megan Dato, Justin Rios *(front row)* Samuel Zachary, Diego Alanis, Daniel Mitchell

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PIVOTAL VIDEOS

Top fifteen most viewed YouTube videos of all time
*as of June 2016

Gangnam Style
- 258.3M views

See You Again
- 177M views

Uptown Funk
- 162.9M views

Blank Space
- 161.5M views

Hello
- 155.5M views

Shake It Off
- 148.6M views

Sorry
- 145.1M views

Bailando
- 142.6M views

Dark Horse
- 141.6M views

Lean On
- 140.3M views

Roar
- 140.2M views

All About That Bass
- 139.6M views

Baby
- 138.3M views

Chandelier
- 128.7M views

Sugar
-127.8M views

Source: YouTube

PIVOTAL POP HITS

First fifteen songs of Billboard's 2015 hits

Hello
- Adele

Sorry
- Justin Bieber

Hotline Bling
- Drake

What Do You Mean?
- Justin Bieber

Love Yourself
- Justin Bieber

The Hills
- The Weeknd

Stiches
- Shawn Mendes

Here
- Alessia Cara

That Same Old Love
- Selena Gomez

Like I'm Gonna Lose You
- Meghan Trainor feat. John Legend

679
- Fetty Wap Featuring Remy Boyz

Ex's and Oh's
- Elle King

On My Mind
- Ellie Goulding

Jumpman
- Drake & Future

Can't Feel My Face
- The Weeknd

Source: Billboard

PIVOTAL PASSINGS

Ten celebrity passings from 2016

Otis Clay - *Musician*
Feb. 11, 1942 - Jan. 8, 2016

David Bowie - *Musician/Actor*
Jan. 8, 1947 - Jan. 10, 2016

Rene Angelil - *Producer*
Jan. 16, 1942 - Jan. 14, 2016

Alan Rickman - *Actor*
Feb. 21, 1946 - Jan. 14, 2016

Glenn Frey - *Musician*
Nov. 6, 1948 - Jan. 18, 2016

Maurice White - *Musician*
Dec. 19, 1941 - Feb. 4, 2016

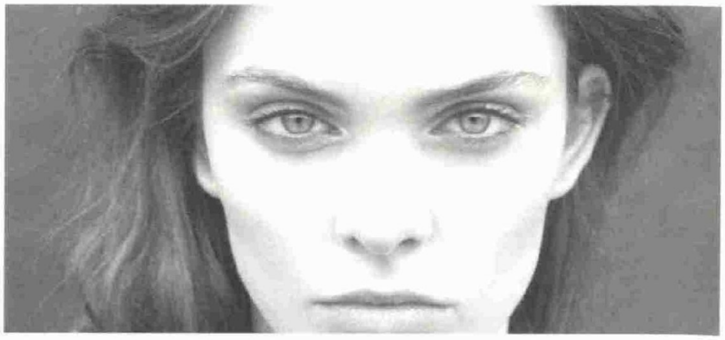
Antonin Scalia - *Supreme Court Justice*
March 11, 1936 - Feb. 13, 2016

Angela Raiola "Big Ang" - *Reality TV Star*
June 30, 1960 - Feb.18, 2016

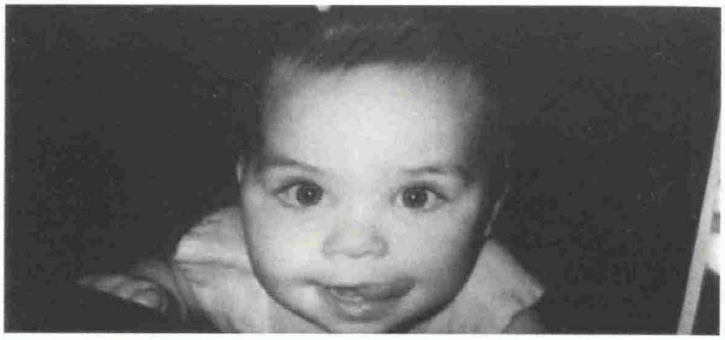
Joanie Laurer "Chyna" - *WWE Wrestler*
Dec. 27, 1969 - April 20, 2016

Prince - *Musician/Actor*
June 7, 1958 - April 21, 2016

Source: Rolling Stone



Julia
Congratulations on all that you have accomplished
May all of your Dreams come True.
I know that your Father is looking down and smiling
Love you always
Mom



Andrew Monthie

In four amazing years I have seen you grow & I enjoyed the journey. You have a desire inside you that no one will stop. Continue to strive for what YOU want. So proud of you buddy!
Love you lots, mom.

Austin Klawitter

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Be fearless in the pursuit of your passions and go forward confidently knowing you are loved.

We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kamryn & Adalyn

TT Shinkan

"Why fit in when you
were born to stand
out!"
Good luck at Ball State!
The world is waiting for
you!
Chirp! Chirp!
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Ally

Michale DeLong

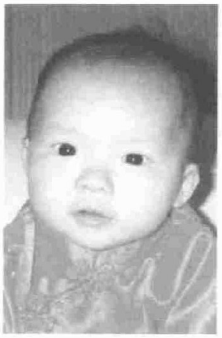
Congratulations!!!!
I am so proud of you for
everything you have
accomplished!!! I could
not ask for a better
daughter!!!
Love, Mom

Eric Picard

Congratulations - we're so proud of
the young man you have become.
All our love and best wishes for
college and beyond.
Love, Mom & Dad

Shandan Johnson

Shandan Li,
We are so proud of all
your accomplishments.
You are independent,
strong, loyal and
loveable. You have grown
up so fast, but you are
still our baby girl. Always
keep growing, learning
and believing in yourself.
Follow your dreams and
know that we are always
there for you.
We love you so very
much!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

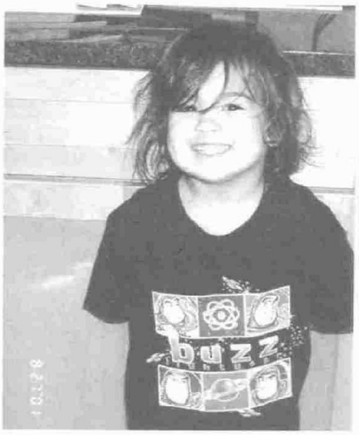


Jill Ylo

We can't wait to see what
lies ahead. We are so proud
of you! We love you to
infinity and beyond!!
Boiler Up!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Ally and Nick

"Life isn't about finding
yourself. Life is about
creating yourself."
George Bernard Shaw



Danica Jerkan

Congratulations on your
Graduation!!

We are very proud of your
acheivement and wish you
happiness and great success
in your future endeavors!

Love,
Della, Mom, Dad &
Scooby

Timmy

You will always be
our little baby. Have
fun in college! We
love you and are very
proud!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Jackie

Emma Marie Trivunovic

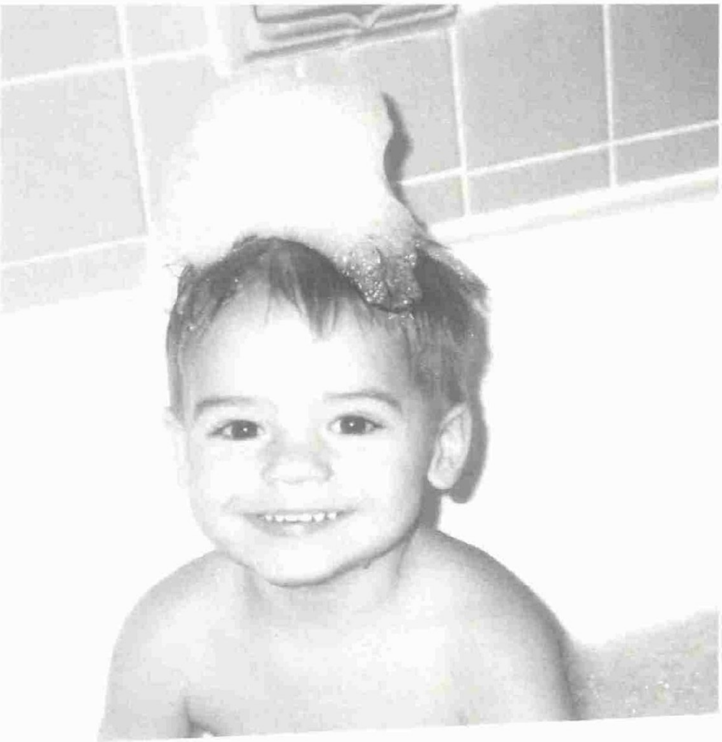
Fashion Week
flow
STYLE

Cochas Tan Bella,
To our beautiful baby girl, we are so proud of the amazing young woman you've become. Only great things are in your future. Now it's your turn to go and show the world the beautiful light that you are. You continue to inspire us everyday with your love, caring, thoughtfulness, and your views on life. Now go show the world the bright star that you are. New York City is waiting for you to shine!

Love you to the moon and back,

Mommy and Tata

xoxo g.g.



Luke Hackett

Congratulations, Luke, on all of your accomplishments at MHS. We are very proud of you and wish you much success at Saint Xavier University and beyond.

Love, Mom, Dad, Drew and Grandma Hackett

Dominick Delia

Dear Dominick,

Congratulations on surviving high school. Dad and I are proud of all your accomplishments at MHS. Continue to work hard and perservere in all your endeavors at ValpoU. May the force be with you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Nicole.

Lucas Newell

No dream is too big, no challenge too great. You were born to shine!
Remember, anything is possible!
NFI (Never Forget It)
I love you more than you love me!
We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and look forward to a fantastic, amazing future!
Love , Mom, Dad, Spencer, Vanessa, and Marley

Kaitlyn Costello

My little girl has grown up to be such an amazing young lady. I am so proud of you. Good luck in college and follow your dreams!
Love,
Mom

Fred Beckman

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"The best way to predict the future is to create it."
-Abraham Lincoln

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16

Tyler Keslin

We are so proud of you and all that you accomplished in your years at high school!
We wish you all the best at college!
We love you!!

Congratulations, Fred!

We are so proud of the person you have become.
You have a bright future ahead !

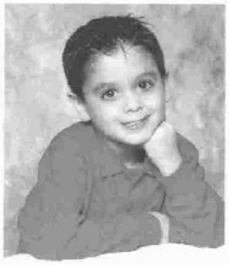
Love, Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and Caroline

Wally Sell

You've come so far!
I'm proud of you,
Son.

Love Mom

Ruben Shehigian III

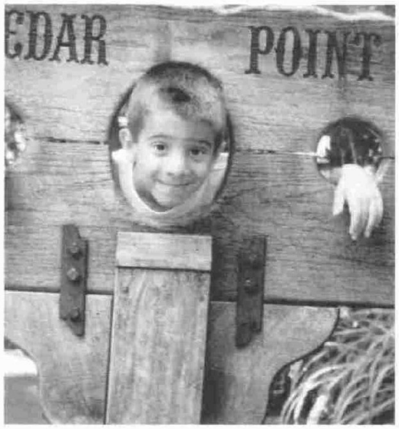


Pride fills every thought of you on
your graduation, and happiness fills
every wish for you always.
Mom and Dad

Tony Zmuda

You'll Always Be Our
Little Guy, but We
Know Your Future is
Big and Bright

Love,
Mom, Dad & Elaine



Savannah Rose Shaver

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Always remember...You are BRAVER than you believe, STRONGER than you seem,
SMARTER than you think and LOVED more than you will ever know.
Love you sunshine,
Mom

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PIVOTAL BREAKUPS

Five celebrity breakups that made news

Johnny Depp	4 years	Amber Heard
Calvin Harris	1.5 years	Taylor Swift
Ozzy Osbourne	34 years	Sharon Osbourne
Scott Disick	9 years	Kourtney Kardashian
Blake Shelton	4 years	Miranda Lambert

Source: Popsugar

PIVOTAL MOMENTS

Ten memorable events that occured with celebrities

1. Zayn Malik left band One Direction to go solo with his own album and single "Pillowtalk."
2. Caucasian-born woman, Rachel Dolezal, claimed she was "transracial" and identified as black, causing much uproar on social media.
3. The famous dress that trended on Twitter: did you see blue and black or white and gold?
4. Nicki Minaj called out Miley Cyrus at the MTV Video Music Awards, reciting her now notorious line, *"Miley, was good?"*
5. Caitlyn Jenner received her reality TV show on the E! Network after coming out transgender.
6. Same sex marriage is legal nationally after the Supreme Court ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges case.
7. Beyoncé stole the Super Bowl Half Time Show with Black Panther inspired performance.
8. Taylor Swift had a new celebrity guest on stage with her every night of her 1989 World Tour.
9. Basketball star and celebrity personality Lamar Odom almost lost his life to a drug overdose after found unconscious in a Nevada brothel.
10. After years of affairs and troubling reports in the media, Charlie Sheen came forward about his struggle with HIV.

Source: Popsugar

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HIGHEST PAID CELEBRITIES

Top sixteen highest paid celebrites of 2015

1	Floyd Mayweather	$300M
2	Manny Pacquiao	$160M
3	Katy Perry	$135M
4	One Direction	$130M
5	Howard Stern	$95M
6	Garth Brooks	$90M
7	James Patterson	$89M
8	Taylor Swift	$80M
9	Cristiano Ronaldo	$79.5M
10	Rush Limbaugh	$79M
11	Ellen DeGeneres	$75M
12	Lionel Messi	$74M
13	The Eagles	$73.5M
14	Dr. Phil	$70M
15	Roger Federer	$67M
16	Calvin Harris	$66M

Source: Forbes

MOST POPULAR MOVIES

Top movies from Rotten Tomatoes and the winners at the Oscars

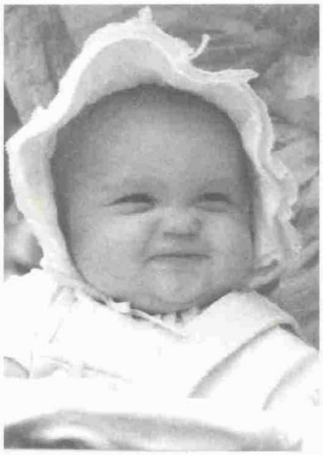
ROTTEN TOMATOES BEST MOVIES OF 2015

1. Mad Max: Fury Road
2. Inside Out
3. Selma
4. Spotlight
5. Star Wars: Episode VII — The Force Awakens
6. Brooklyn
7. It Follows
8. Shaun the Sheep Movie
9. The Martian
10. Room
11. Creed
12. Misson: Impossible Rogue Nation
13. Son of Saul
14. Carol
15. 45 Years

2016 OSCAR WINNERS

1. *Spotlight*: Best Picture
2. Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Revenant*: Best Actor
3. Brie Larson in *Room*: Best Actress
4. Alicia Vikander in *The Danish Girl*: Best Actress in Supporting Role
5. Mark Rylance in *Bridge of Spies*: Best Actor in Supporting Role

Source: Rotten Tomatoes and Oscars.com



Haley Collison

Congratulations Haley on your Graduation and all you've accomplished! We are so proud of you! You've grown into a beautiful woman, both inside and out. We look forward to seeing what your future holds, and we wish you happiness and success in all you do.

Love you,
Mom & Dad

Allison Dinh

Allison,
Congratulations! Mom and Dad are so proud of you and your accomplishments!
You always working hard, doing your best and it pays off.
We have cherished watching you grow into a beautiful, kind, and caring person. We love you very much and will always love you. Continue to work hard and believe in yourself.
Make dreams come through! You're smart and stronger than you think.
Your future will be bright where ever you go.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Jonathan

Yiorgo Karnezis

Congratulations to our little Warrior! You can do whatever you set your mind to. Good luck at ISU!!

Love Mom, Dad & Peter

"A man can be destroyed but not defeated."
Ernest Hemingway

Katie Wiening

Congratulations on your graduation.
We are so proud of you and all of
your accomplishments.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Derrick

Zachary Kall

Congratulations! We are very proud of you! We love you and wish you all the best.

Mom, Dad & Samantha

Tim Krajci

Timmy, you can finally fit into your dad's shoes. Best of luck with your future endeavors!
love grandma and pops

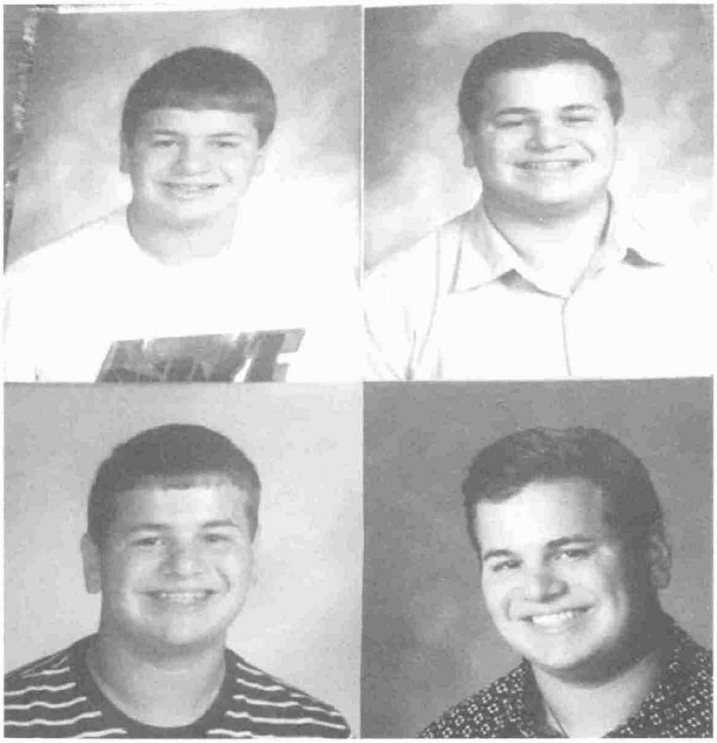
Khalehla Strong

My how time flies,it seems like only yesterday that you were saying "Let's go dad no time to lose" and now there is truly no time to lose because you are all grown up and headed for a new life at Ball State. Go with confidence that God is your strength, and your family has your back. Much success awaits you, and we are so proud of you. Love always Mom, Dad,Charles, and Ishmael.

SHANNA CLARE KLISSER

On to Roosevelt and
beyond!
Congrats!
Remember that no matter
where life takes you, you will
always have your Guardian
Angel.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tim, Lis, Cali,
and Sassy

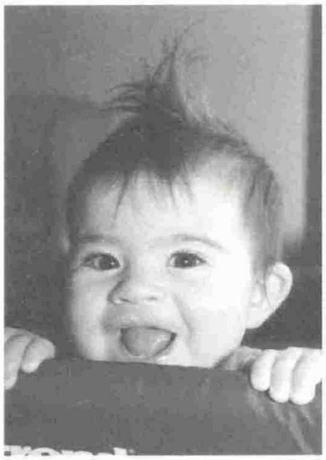


Mark Montella

Congratulations on four great years at MHS, looking forward to four great years at Loyola. Love, Mom, Dad, Jessica, Nicole, Kimmie and Anthony

Anisha Vavilala

Congratulations to our dearest daughter! You light up our life with your smile! You've made us so proud over the years, and we know this is only the beginning. With lots of love and best wishes for a bright future!
love you Akka!



Hannah Bailey

Hannah,

We are so proud of you. You have worked so hard to get where you are today. I can't wait to see what you do next. Good Luck in whatever you do.

Love, Mom &Dad

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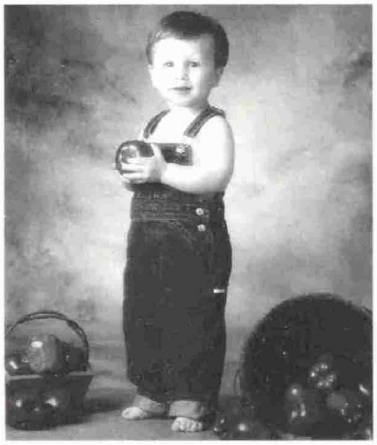
Brad Sikora

You have the biggest heart and are a very caring person. You are inquisitive and like to ask questions. These traits will serve you well in your chosen career and we are excited to watch you create your own future. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and the fine young man you have become. Good luck at Creighton University.
Love, Mom, Dad,
Sarah and Alex



Clara Kopacz

You are leaving school, but it is you that has taught me love, patience, acceptance & forgiveness. Your smile & laughter are the sunshine of my world. No matter where you go, what you do, or what you become, I will always love you . I am so proud of you!!
-Mom

Congratulations Camryn

We love you very much!!
Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Giegie,
Bia and Noelly

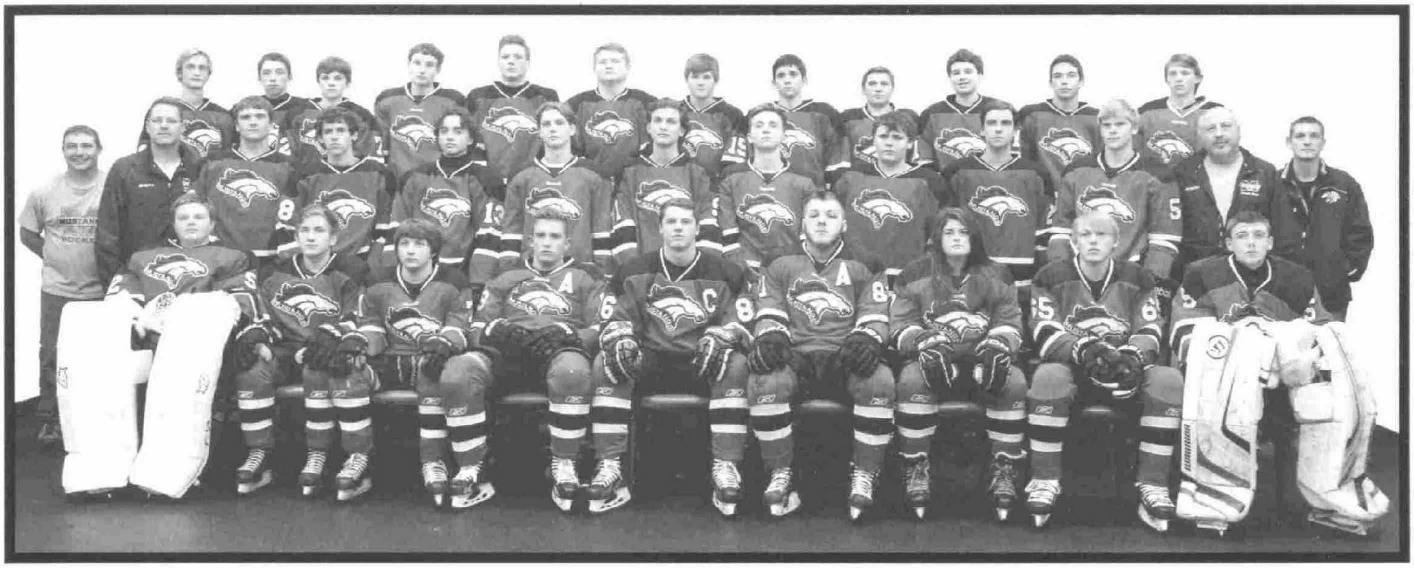
Anthony Skiba

We couldn't be more proud of the son and brother you are. Thanks for the adventure, now go have a new one. Mom Dad and Matt

Michael Szewka

May your Journey be
your Dream! May
your Character be
Evident in all you do!
We are Proud of You!
God Bless
Love Dad, Mom,
Randy & Danielle

2015-2016 Mustang Ice Hockey Team



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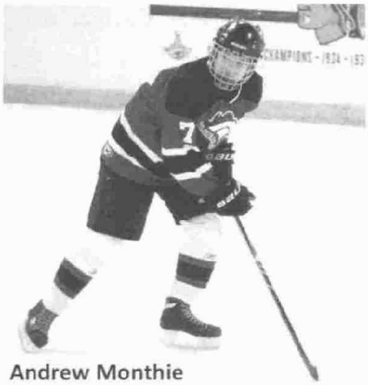
Second Row: Coach Tom Merkelis, Coach Bob DeGard, Branden Schiemann, James Bugajski, Cole Bocock, Nick Bledsoe, Hunter Houchin, Reid Miller, Evan Conway, Matt Armor, Blake Gardiner, Coach Rick Rubino, Coach J

Third Row: Jarrett James, Evan Torbica, Brandon Prodelhl, Tyler Polesta (JV Asst. Captain), Ben Knuton, Jack Murphy, Shane Dotto, Chase Miles, Mike Marich, John Groen, Frank Zahariadis (JV Asst. Captain), Raleigh Vis

JV TEAM ILLIANA CUP WINNERS 2016

Hannah Bailey

JC Sellers, Andrew Monthie and Hannah Bailey



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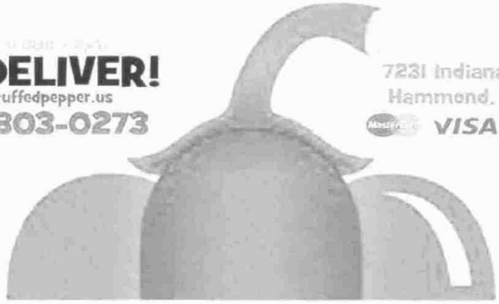

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Mrs. JenAnn Adams

"Compassionate, dedicated, caring. These words are just a few thoughts I think of when I think about JenAnn Adams. She was someone who was selfless and looked out and helped everyone, no matter their situation. She will be greatly missed at MHS. I wish her soul peace and love."

Mrs. Brook Lemon [illegible]

"JenAnn truly cared for each and every student that she mentored, and was always a strong advocate for them. JenAnn's students were inspired by her and knew that her guidance was genuinely from the heart. I feel fortunate that I had the chance to tell her that she has truly made a positive difference in the lives of so many students and staff. We will miss her immensely, but her legacy will live on throughout MHS, her students, and all those who were lucky have known her."

[illegible]

"Jen was the type of person who would help anyone who needed help, whether it was a student, co-worker or parent. I had the pleasure of working with her for a long time. I learned a lot from her, and I hope she was able to learn something from me. She had a teacher's heart and was meant to be a teacher. She will be missed by so many people!"

Mr. Brent Barton [illegible]

"I remember speaking with Jen a number of times in the hallway about students and education in general. In Jen's mind, despite the changes in duties, accountability and methodology over the past several years the responsibility and passion of a teacher has not changed–to help students see and achieve their full potential."

Ms. Peggy Maranic [illegible]

"Jen was the kind of person whose heart was truly in what she was doing. Even in teaching, people can sometimes go through the motions of making sure everything is signed correctly, dated properly, and appears impressive—and then after that, merely forgetting about the issue. Jen wasn't like that. It was more than just making sure all the requirements and accommodations were in place, it was about truly being concerned for that student. I am going to miss her a lot. We would talk about Jerry Garcia sometimes and the musical group Grateful Dead. Maybe Jerry is playing her favorite song for her in heaven right now. Good-bye, Scarlet Begonia."

Mr. Jim McNabney [illegible]

"Jen Adams was a great co-worker, dedicated to the students here at MHS and always had a sense of humor. She was helpful to me when I started several years ago. Always willing to go above and beyond what was required of her for the kids. She will be greatly missed by me and everyone here at Munster."

Mrs. Lori Mellon [illegible]

"Jen was an amazing woman with a passion for her students. I knew that working with her during a semester would be easy task. We developed a great working relationship and friendship throughout my years at Munster. She will get greatly missed by staff, students, and myself."

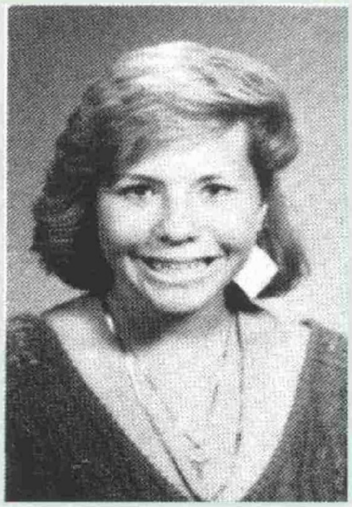
Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte [illegible]

"Jen was the first teacher I worked for. Even as her para(professional), she taught me along with her students. She taught me patience, acceptance, and to never take anything too seriously. I only got to know Jen for a few short months, but I am grateful. I will forever be able to carry her methods through out my education career. She taught me to love the smaller things and appreciate what I have. Thank you, Jen, for my first year as a para and showing me that no matter what, everything is beautiful. Thank you for showing me to never work too hard and beat yourself up. Thank you for always trusting me and having confidence in me. Thank you for teaching me that everyone deserves the best."

Ms. Carley Fagan [illegible]

"I think my fondest memory of Mrs. Adams is that every memory is fond. She had the precious gift of being able to connect with everyone in a completely authentic way. She dedicated her life, both inside and outside of school, to helping struggling students find success. She believed in students when they couldn't find the courage to believe in themselves. With her guidance, they were able to accomplish their educational goals, to find a direction for their lives, and to find the voice within themselves. Jen practiced what she imparted to students. She always sought solutions in face of difficulties, and she treated every student and staff member like family. Our mission moving forward should be to take a little bit of Jen and to impart it to the students we see in years to come. The profundity of her loss is only eclipsed by the enormity of her contribution. A loving parent, an incredible co-worker, a magnanimous person: JenAnn is the best of us."

Mr. Bob Snyder, [illegible]



Mrs. JennAnn (Crist) Adams' sophomore yearbook picture in the 1986 Paragon. Mrs. Adams was a 1988 graduate of MHS and a longtime West Lake teacher.

"I worked with JenAnn when she first came to Munster and for several years after. It was easy to see that she cared deeply for the students. Jen often took that caring even further: sending out Christmas cards or little notes to her students, remembering their birthdays and giving them the encouragement that they needed during difficult times. She had an amazing talent in reaching even the most difficult of students and found a way to help each and everyone of them learn. The classes she taught were fun and exciting–filled with hands-on techniques that got everyone involved. I will miss her smile and infectious laugh, her teaching style and caring attitude. But most of all I will miss her friendship: she was definitely one of a kind and the students and staff at MHS were lucky to have had her in their lives."

Ms. Kristi Rogers, [illegible]

"Jen was a great person who truly loved to help kids learn. Jen was their safe place. She will be very missed."

Mrs. Judy Savre, [illegible]

"Jen was unfailing kind and selfless. I don't think that I ever once passed her in the hallway without her complimenting me in some way, always with a smile on her face. She was often found buzzing around the building, off to help one of her kids in any way that they needed her. She saw the best in people, students and staff alike. Aside from the passion she had for her students, she had such deep-seated joy for her boys. Cheering them on at the ball field or on the wrestling mat, her sons were the love of her life. We will miss you, Jen."

Mrs. Katie Harris, [illegible]

"I am a firm believer that if teachers get to know their students as people as well as students, they will develop a different connection. Yes, learning the material, passing the tests, and graduating are our ultimate goals. However, if students feel teachers have a vested interest in who they are, they will return a vested interest in the classroom... Sending a birthday card or a letter acknowledging a special accomplishment really goes a long way. Sometimes, when we're lucky, it goes all the way to the student. When we're really lucky, they come back to us, to school, and to themselves.

I keep a letter in my purse that a student wrote me so when I am having a bad day, I can pull it out and remind myself why I teach. A few years ago, I sent a student a Christmas card complimenting them on their growth as a student. The student replied:

'I just wanted to say that I am very thankful that you went out of your way to think of me on your winter break. That just made me so happy inside. You might think that I'm not [happy] but truly in my heart, that showed me how much you honestly believed in me. You honestly don't even know how much that means to me.'

"Every child deserves a champion and adults who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connections and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."

—Rita Pierson, lifelong educator and author

I'm too meek to call myself a champion, but I pride myself on being a fighter... just like my students." Mrs. Adams [illegible]

"Jen was a great mentor to me. She taught me everything I needed to know in order to be successful during my first year of teaching at MHS. She was a remarkable teacher, and an even better friend. I will forever be thankful for everything she did for me and will miss her greatly."

Mr. Matthew Williams, [illegible]

"Mrs. Jen Adams was not only my friend, but a friend to all students who had the opportunity to spend time with her. Those of us that had this opportunity, were truly blessed. We will all miss her."

Mr. Mike Cat[illegible]

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This is a space for you to reflect on your own year. What were the moments you will never forget? With whom did you share the experience? For many of us, the coverage in the index is more than just names or clubs; these are the people and places that defined not only our year, but also contributed to defining ourselves.

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4. PASSION FOR PUB As the photogs all sit in a line, freshman Nicole Roberts, Elizabeth Fonseca and Rachel Bishop, senior, edit photos during class. "I was on yearbook staff in middle school," Nicole said. "I took photography first semester so I could be on yearbook as a freshman."

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At the start of the school year, Paragon staff members brainstormed what this year's theme would be. After late night Starbucks meetings, turning down the theme "You Thought" and weeks of creating Powerpoints trying to convince adviser Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, former adviser Mrs. Nancy Hastings and yearbook rep Mrs. Betty Samples that we had an award-winning theme, we finally decided on one we all thought would capture the feel of this year perfectly... and then we decided we hated it and started all over. Soon after, *Pivotal* was born and a year full of Greek buffets (thanks to Maria), Dunkin' Donuts "happy hour" runs (probably also thanks to Maria) and stressful deadlines began as we ventured into making the first non-traditional yearbook in MHS history.

The staff had a slow start getting into the groove of things due to eight new staff members and only three returning writers, Lexie, Julia and Therese. The obstacles faced this year seemed to surpass those of any previous year–not including the year Lanman worked on a staff of two. The joy of the holidays abruptly ended as staff members tried to decipher what was louder–Ms. Lanman's yelling or the fire alarm accidentally pulled during Secret Santa. We panicked as our typo'd sales posters covered the school and celebrated as Rachel wittily saved the incident with humorous replacement posters (and spell check). As the year went on, Emma helped Maria with InDesign until June 3, the staff made sure last year's pet fish, Beads, was in the safe hands of Micala and watched Maria to make sure she didn't feed into her Flaming Hot Cheetos addiction.

Each day during fifth hour, the room was filled with laughs, gossip and fun, which were all captured by Emma and her amazing Snapchat filming skills. As Mia would sneakily film as well (but never Elisa because she broke "too many to count" phones), Elizabeth and Nicole would wonder what was wrong with the senior class. Even though the year had it's ups and downs, the staff was proud of the book they produced with all of it's non-traditional quirks.

The staff would like their readers to know that, because this is a student produced book, sometimes errors happen. We apologize for any mistakes in spelling or facts–we're sorry, Ms. Lanman, we know you warned us.

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The staff designed the matte cover themselves, with inspiration from T: The New York Times Style Magazine and from an re-imagined People Magazine by Rachel Willey found on Pinterest. The copy font is AHJ Function, and the headline and accent font is AHJ Avalon.

All pages were designed using Adobe CS6 InDesign, with photos edited in Photoshop. Photos were taken on a variety of cameras, including Nikon D300S, D5100, D7000, D7100 and Canon EOS Rebel T5i and T3. Candid photography was taken by student photographers, with the exception of some winter and spring sports photos taken by HR Imaging. HR Imaging and Root Studios shot all underclassman and senior portraits, as well as club group pictures. Mr. David Russell took all sports team pictures.

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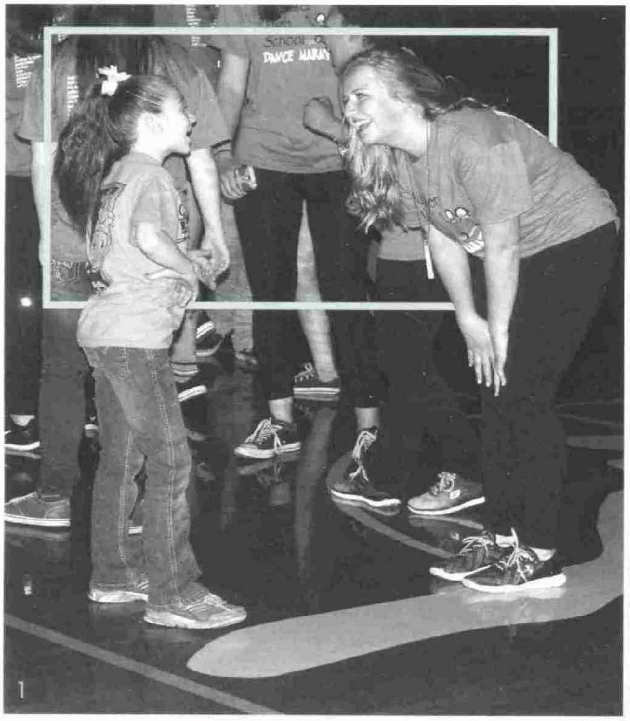
1. WONDER WALL Taking in the different fonts and detailing, Micala Boyd, sophomore, scans the design wall. In order to brainstorm design ideas for the yearbook, the staff took inspiration from magazines and hung them on the hallway wall. "The design wall gave our publications a mind-set of where we wanted to be," Micala said. "It gave us a goal to strive for."

2. LEFTOVER BIRTHDAY As the rest of the staff sings happy birthday to seniors Rachel Bishop and Emma Trivunovic, the two celebrate their summer birthdays during the last week of the school year. "I was mad that we didn't get to celebrate my birthday during the school year so on the second-to-last day, I made Lanman let me stick a candle in Rachel's cookies," Emma said.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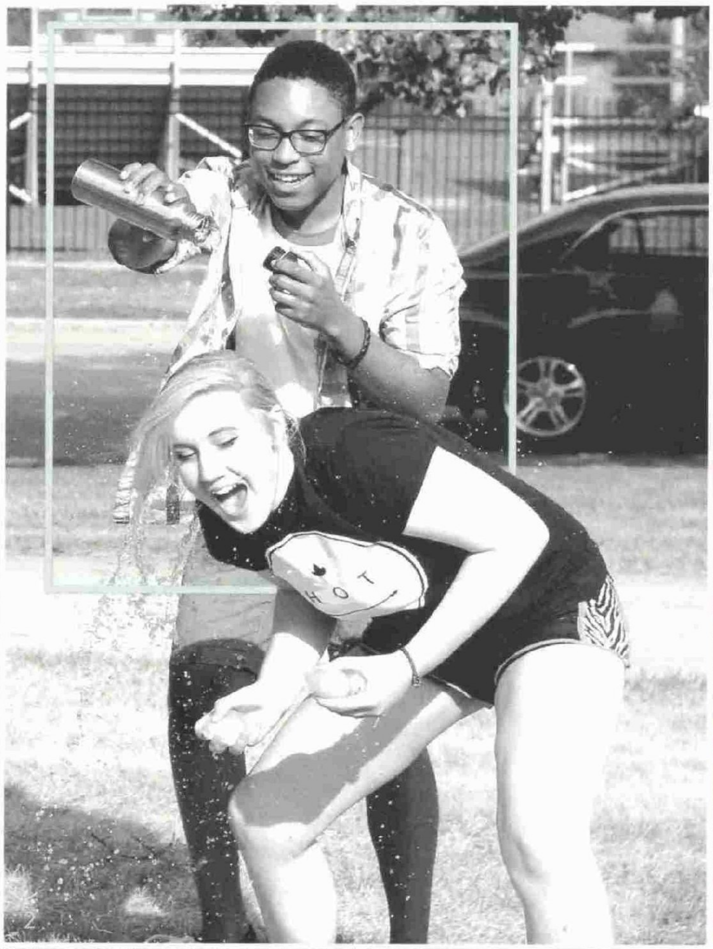

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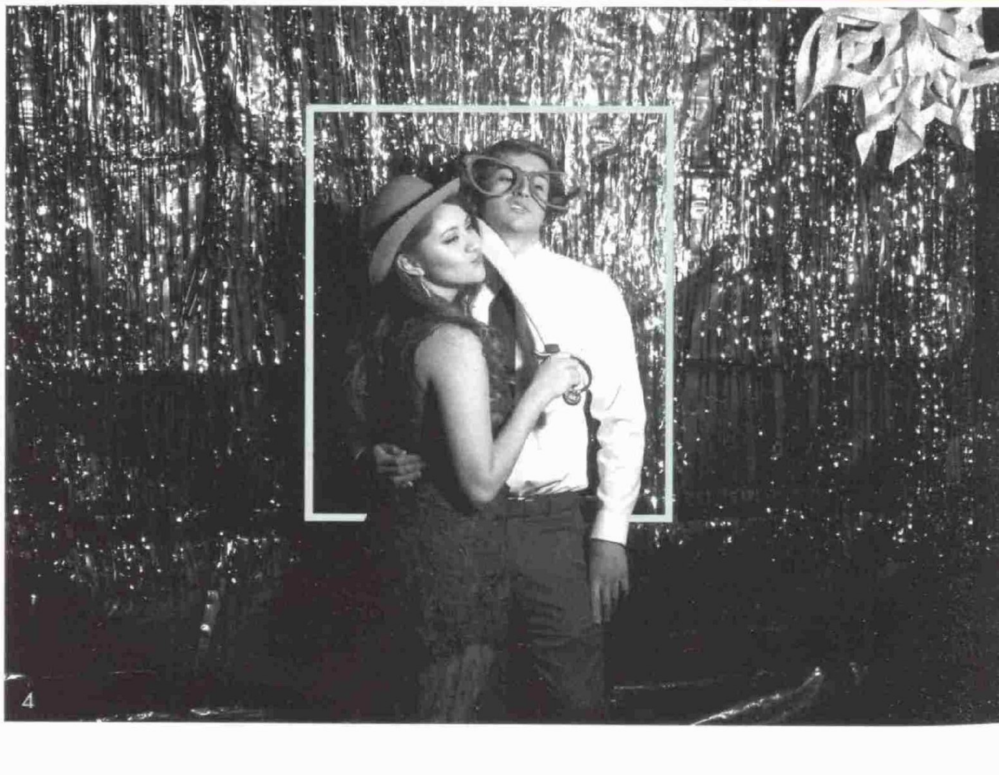
1. DO IT FOR THE KIDS In between dance breaks, Anna Riggs, senior, talks to one of the children in Riley Children's Foundation at Dance Marathon. Anna was in charge of the fundraiser, along with Ally Szakacs, senior. "I went (to Dance Marathon) every year, but since I was in charge of it this year, it felt so different," Anna said. "It was something fun to do before, but now I felt more dedicated to the cause. It made my last time the best time."

2. MAKE IT RAIN Letting photographers on Publications staff practice taking action pictures, Ian Brundige, sophomore, and Rachel Bishop, senior, provide them with an opportunity to shoot a water balloon fight outside the school. "I was so excited to join the Crier staff," Ian said. "That whole water balloon fight we had set the tone for a year of fun."

3. IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER Painting a picture in her 2D art class, Olivia Truett, sophomore, works on one of her pieces. Olivia has taken an art class every year since middle school. "It really helped refine my skills with drawing and painting," Olivia said. "I wouldn't have the skills I have now if it weren't for the amazing teachers I had along the way."

4. STRIKE A POSE With a new photo booth addition at Turnabout, Rosalinda DeLuna, junior, and her date, Alejandro Guadiana from Bishop Noll, pose for a picture with props. "The photo booth pictures were the most memorable part of the dance for me," Rosalinda said. "We were able to goof-off instead of just posing how the photographers arranged us."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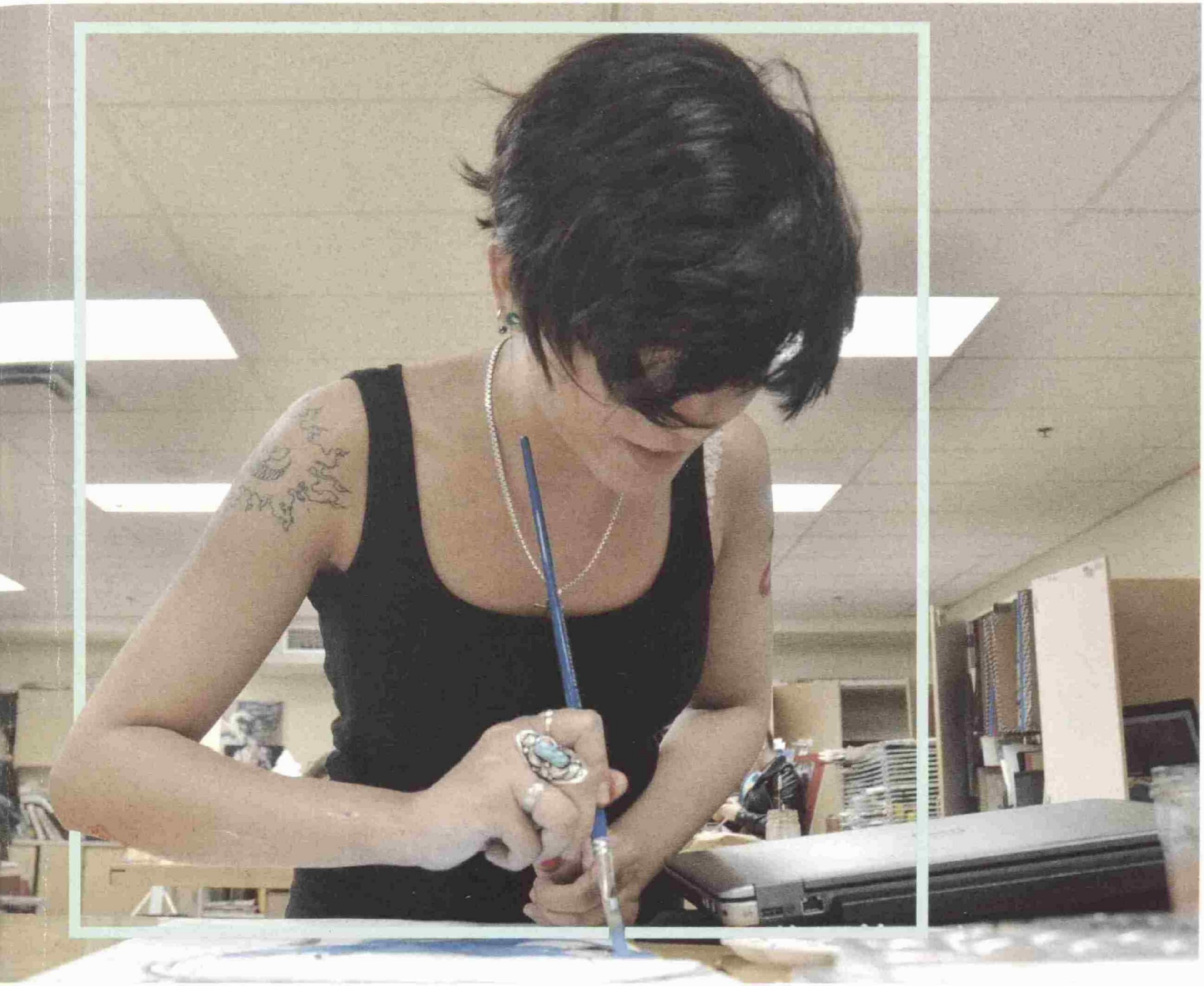

ONE MOMENT

After experiencing a multitude of changes and problems at the beginning of the year, the school and students within it grew from the challenges presented

The year started off with many problems– shortages in money and resources. Students and administration joined forces to try to solve them by the end of the year.

As the year progressed, things continued to change. After attempting multiple ways of distributing the announcements, administration settled on student-led videos, which gave MRT another purpose. Each day, we watched the art mural grow more in detail across the wall.

Despite the eagerness of summer, seniors had two extra days to relish their final hours of high school due to make-up snow days. They took their last test, ate their last school lunch and said their last good-byes.

Be it in the hallway, on stage, on the turf or even in the classroom, the feeling of change was present. For freshman, the initial nervousness of high school transitioned to comfort. Sophomores swung their new car keys around their wrists as they walked to their first car in the parking lot. Juniors simply had the relief of surviving their first AP courses. Seniors switched the red tassels on their graduation cap to the left, and, just like that, there was closure.

In the face of change, we were given one moment to let it define who we are– our moment– and it was

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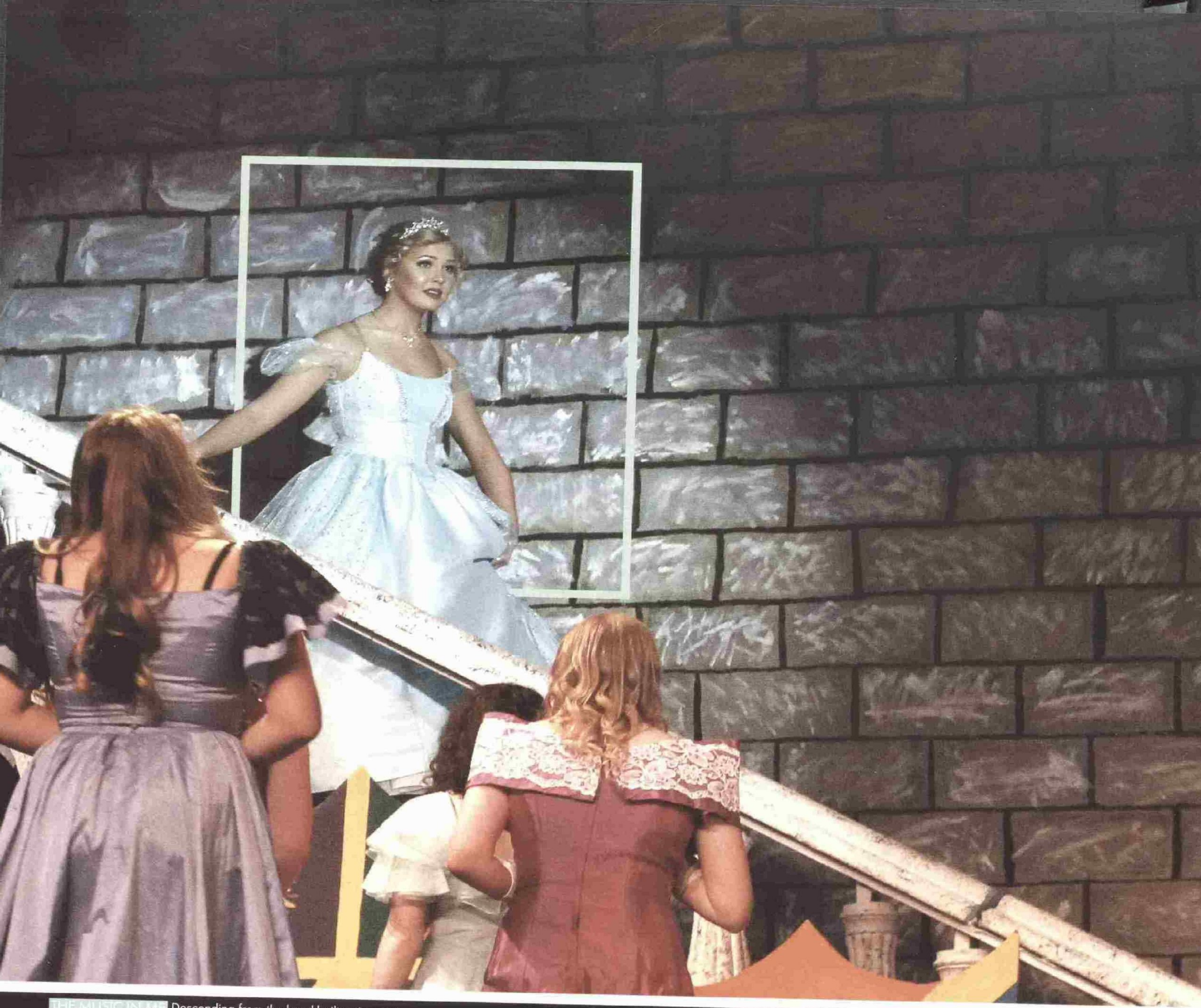

THE MUSIC IN ME Descending from the hand-built staircase in the final performance in Munster Theatre Company's showing of the musical *Cinderella*, Anna Bilse, senior, spent her last moment on stage closing the show. Because Anna decided not to major in theater in college, she said her final show was surreal and overwhelming. "Starring in my last performance was extremely emotional for me," Anna said. "That feeling when all the preparation and hard work finally paid off was such an exhilarating feeling."

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THE MUSIC IN ME Feather in the air, flute in her hand, head tilted high, Summer Witvoet, freshman, performs her first high school Marching Band performance under the Friday night lights. The outcome of the performance did not matter as much as the effort put in, according to Summer. "The energy my teammates and I feel on the field is incredible," Summer said. "My favorite feeling is the final moment right before we play because you can feel the excitement."